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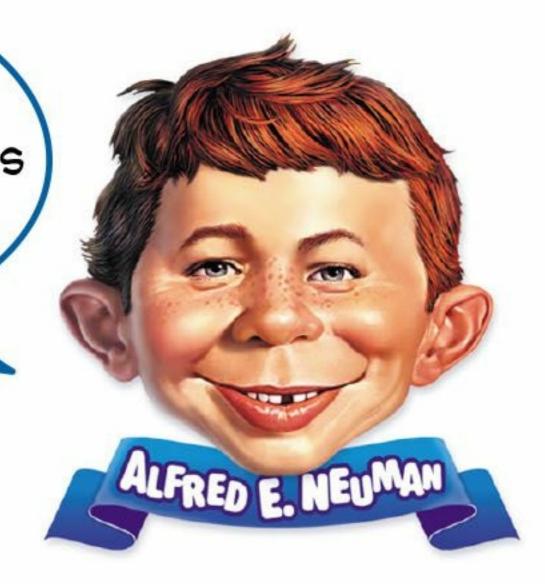


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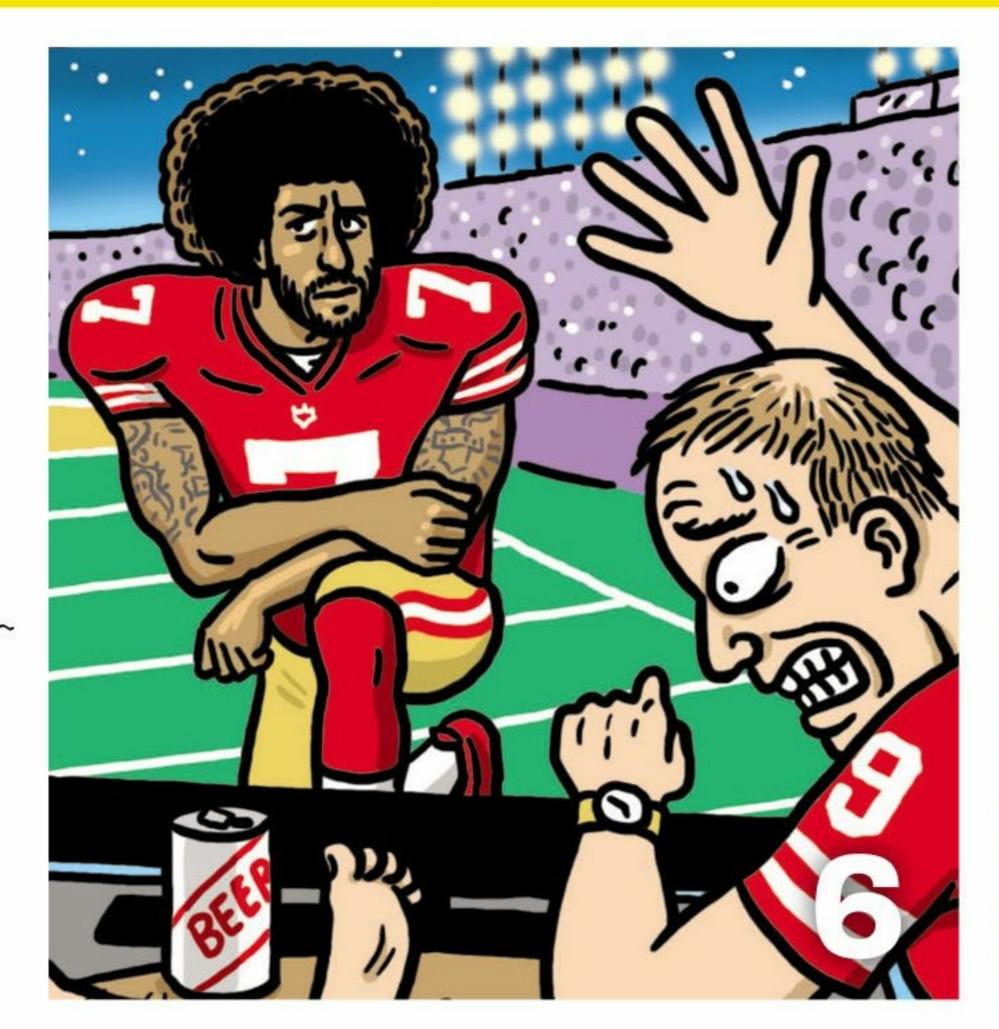
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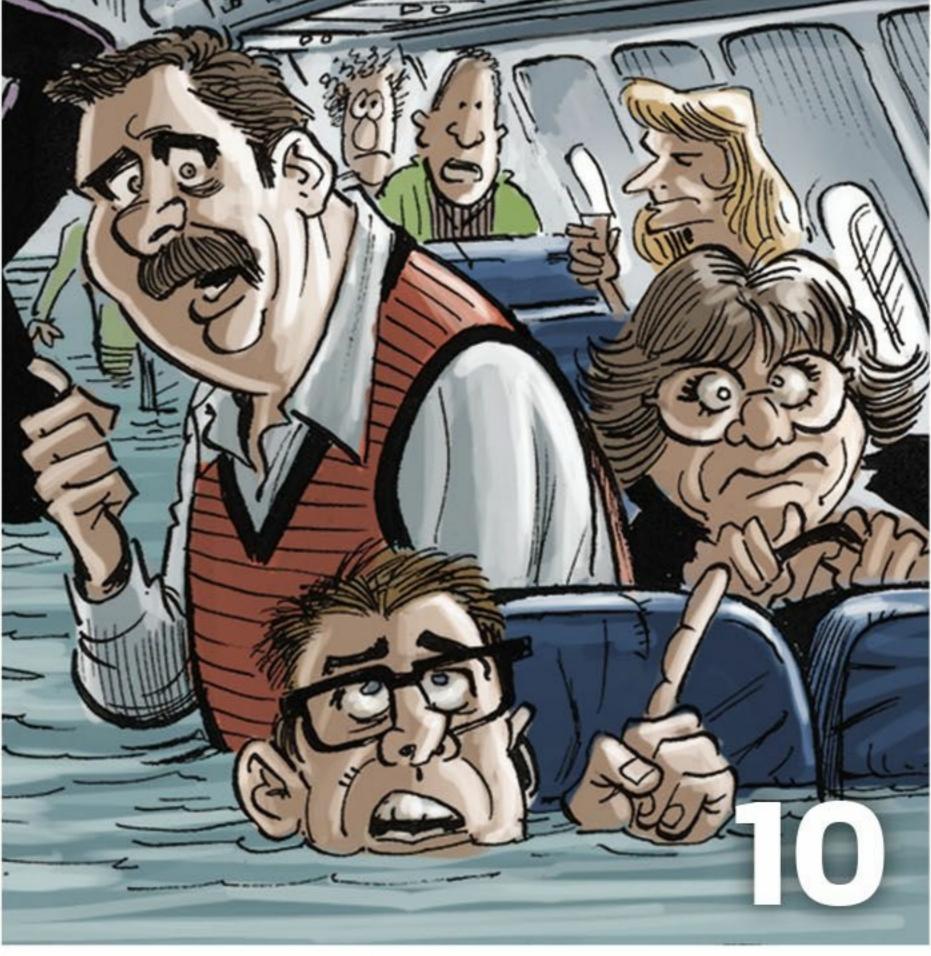
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but how many athletes
these days can
even spell?



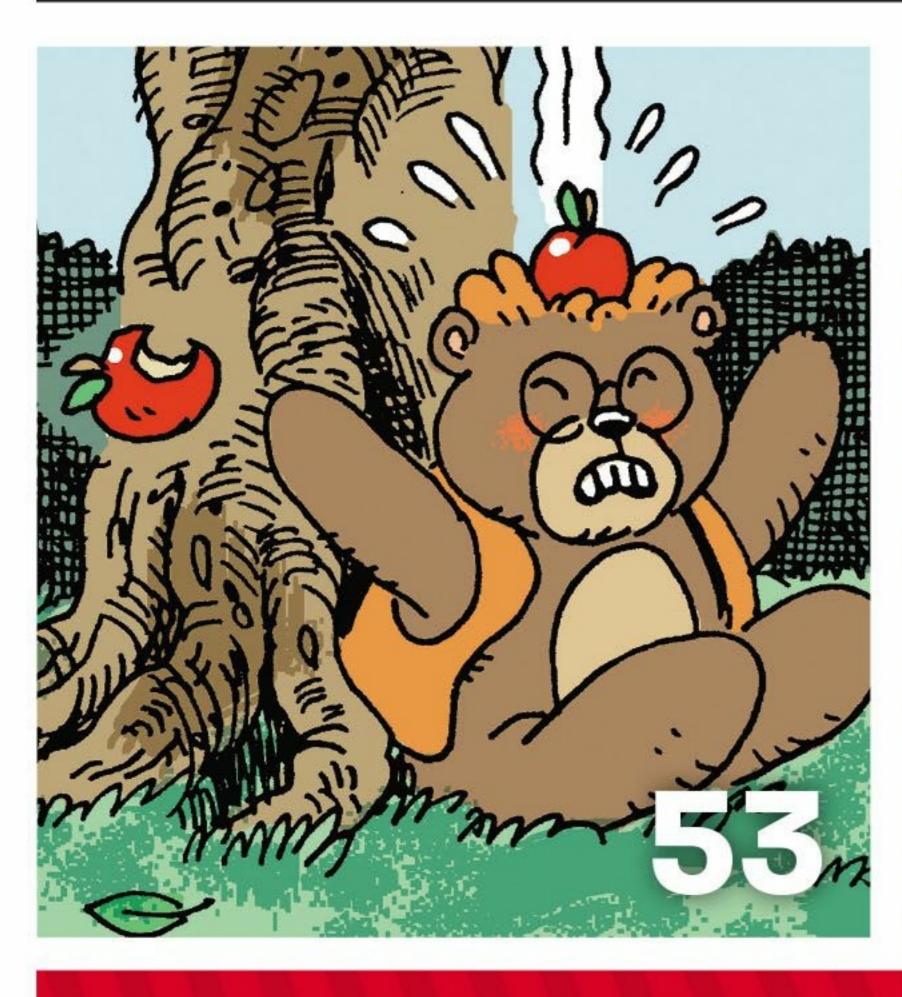
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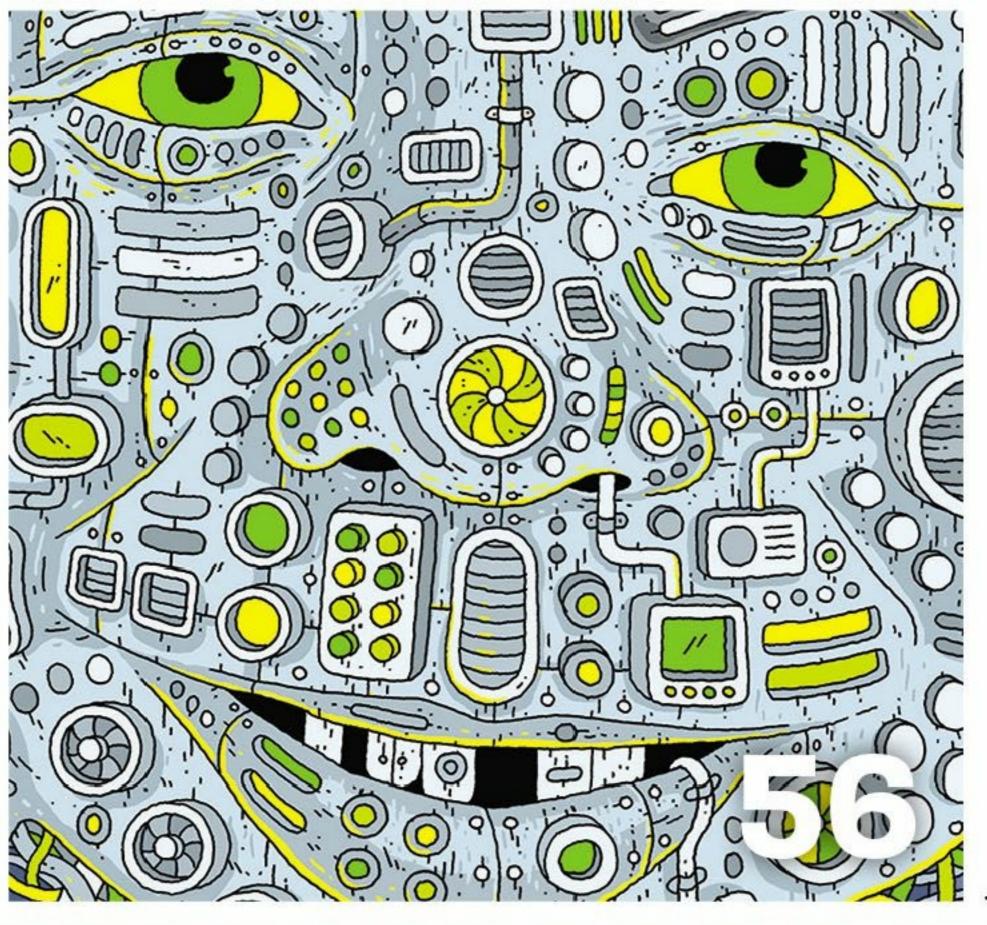
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# Letters and Tomatoes

#### KNOW PAIN, NO GAIN

I've just read MAD #542 — which was absolutely terrible by the way — and I don't understand why I keep buying this bi-monthly rubbish time after time. You would think that after 30 years of this self-inflicted abuse, I would finally give it up. But it would seem that I can't and I'm not sure why! Am I a masochist who enjoys feeling pain while reading each and every page of your magazine, or am I just plain dumb? Thanks for your help!

#### Michael Corbin • Hanover, PA

Shaken to the Corbin — We don't know you at all, but we're 100% certain the reason for your problem (and all your problems, really) is that you're "just plain dumb." We don't know what *you* are, but we're definitely NOT masochists — so we're going to stop responding to you now. Thanks for reading! —Ed.

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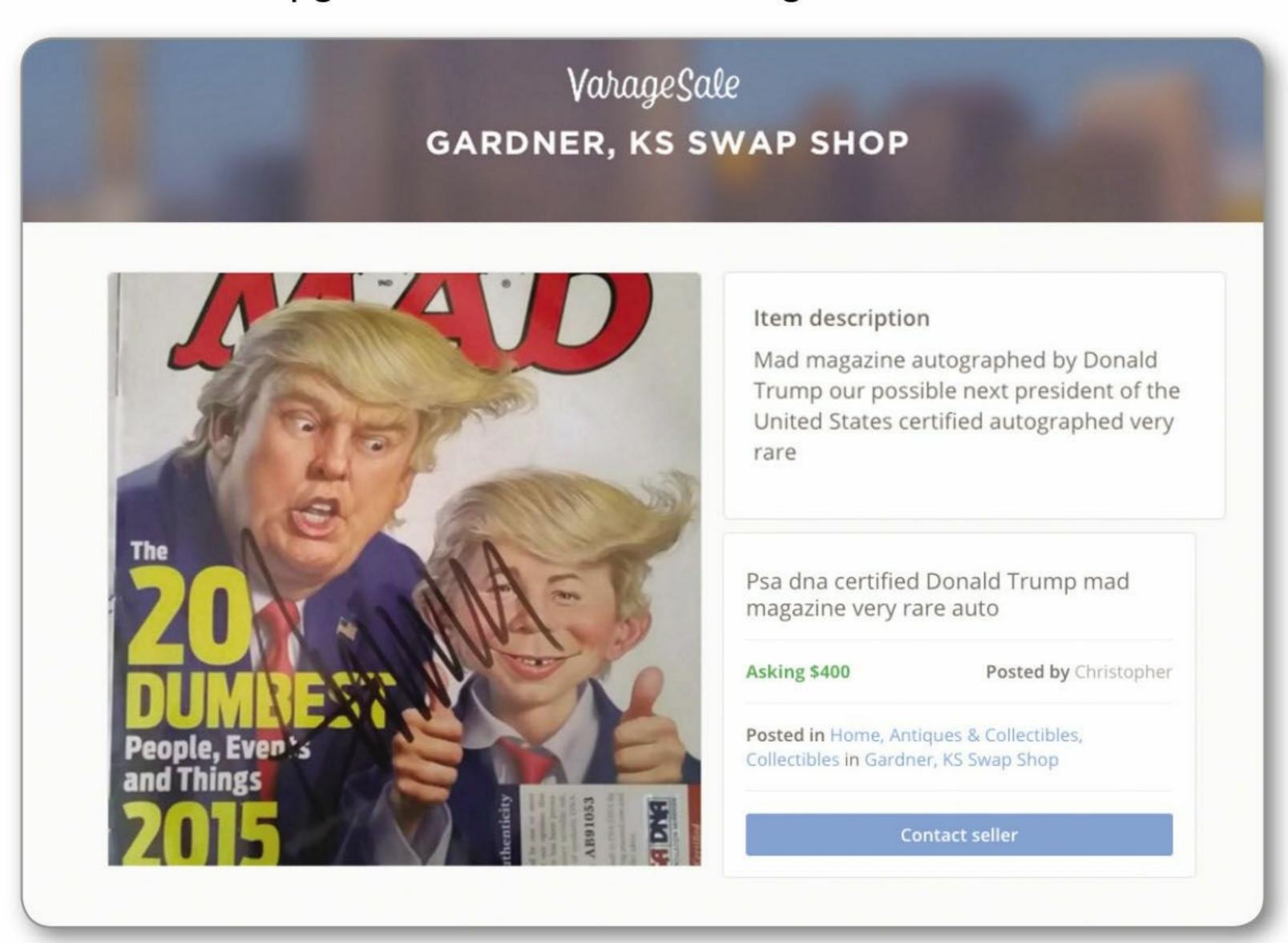
Hooray for MAD! You only had one drawing of poop in #542! That is a recent record. Much better than the previous issue, which had poop right on the cover. (I threw it away rather than leaving it on my coffee table. No poop with my coffee.)

#### Tom Neely • Grand Rapids, MI

Neely Rabbit, Trix Are For Kids — Wait...your rule is "no poop with my coffee"? Do you not understand how coffee works?!? Good luck with THAT policy, chief! Anyway, maybe you're right and we ARE obsessed with poop — but it could be worse. At least we're not some deranged, constipated coffee drinker who keeps records of how often poop appears in MAD. That'd be the behavior of a true deviant poopophile. —Ed.

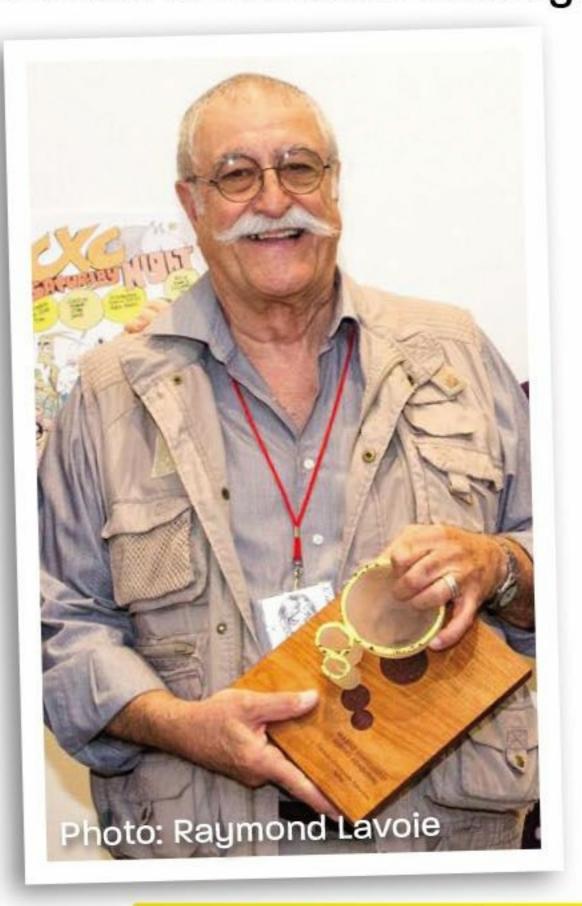
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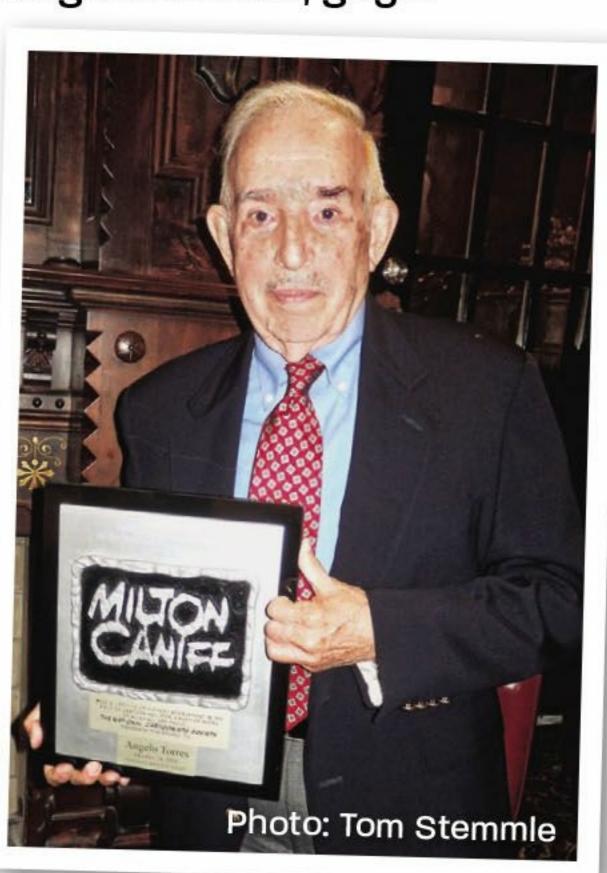
Whether it's a scam "university," bankrupted casinos or a disgusting presidential campaign, Donald Trump loves putting his name on
worthless crap — so it was only a matter of time before his name
appeared on MAD! A copy of MAD #537, with Trump's "certified"
signature, could be yours for just \$400 on the website shown below! We
didn't think a copy of MAD could be made any worse — but live and learn!



#### **AWARDS TO THE UNWISE**

Great honors were bestowed upon legendary MAD-men Sergio Aragonés and Angelo Torres — despite their decades-long association with this magazine! At the Comics Crossroads Columbus festival, Sergio was given the Master Cartoonist Award (a title he's certain to lord over us for the rest of our days) and Angelo was given the Milton Caniff Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Cartoonists Society! Congratulations, guys!





#### **BOLD-FACE LIES**

I have been wondering what the deal is with all these bold-faced words in MAD. I have come to the conclusion that this magazine has always been a vocabulary resource masquerading itself as a "humor" magazine to get people to read who would not otherwise bother to read anything else. Come on — admit your dirty little secret.

#### Nick Italia • New York, NY

Nick in the Head — **Sometimes** these letters really hit on a sore spot for us. **We** actually **do** get this question quite often — and we're flattered that you attribute **it** to a noble intention like vocabulary-building (speaking of which, congratulations on using "masquerading" — you must be **so** exhausted from the effort)! Sadly, it's just a result of the fact that **we** use computers so outdated and crappy, they arbitrarily put words in bold — and there's nothing we **can** do about it! Have you ever had an Amish visitor **mock** your computer? It's humiliating! We're sorry about the **random** bolding; it really makes us feel like unprofessional **idiots!** Still, we always **like** getting conscientious letters — so thank **you** for writing! —Ed.

#### **SOIL AND TROUBLE**

I was reading Letters and Tomatoes, and in issue #536 you told one of your writers that MAD was so terrible that anyone who actually read it would toss it in his or her compost heap. WHAT? Can I actually compost this trash?!? Imagine all the space we could save at the landfill, because I'm sure MAD takes up at least half if not more of that space. To the compost box I go!

#### Angie Kennedy • Montreal, Quebec

Raggedy Angie — Yes, you can indeed compost MAD — but fair warning: anything grown in a garden nourished by decomposed MADs is guaranteed to be misshapen, stunted and extremely foul-tasting. Studies have also shown that MAD-fed produce is 65% dumber than regular produce! It's unclear whether or not that stupidity would carry over to the person who ate it — but in your case, it obviously wouldn't make much of a difference! Happy composting! —Ed.

#### **ADDRESS REHEARSAL**

I just wrote a letter saying how long it has been since I read your magazine, not since the days of Dave Berg and Don Martin, I said. The letter was nothing special, and I really don't think it's worth publishing, but then I noticed in the magazine that you have the right to publish whatever you receive. If that's the case, and if you must, please put me down as being from Chicago, Illinois, and NOT Lindsay, Ontario. Thanks.

#### Ariel Lerner • Chicago, IL

Slow Lerner — You're absolutely right: your first letter was nothing special, and was definitely not worth publishing. But your second letter is a different story entirely! Why are you so secretive about your actions in Lindsay, Ontario? What did you do there, Ariel? At 7-Eleven, did you take a penny, and not give a penny in return? Did you toss an aluminum soda can in the garbage, when a clearly marked recycling bin was just a few steps away? Did you murder a cloister of kind-hearted nuns with a rusty hatchet? Whatever heinous thing you've done, you can rest easy in whatever spider hole you're hiding out in: as you can see above, we've clearly stated that you're from Chicago — NOT Lindsay, Ontario! —Ed.

#### TRYING TO SWEDEN THE DEAL

IKEA proved themselves to be the treacherous, underhanded Swedes we've always known them to be when they blatantly ripped off MAD's Al Jaffee! For a new contest they'll create a toy based on a child's design — an idea a little too similar to Al's classic piece "If Kids Designed Their Own Xmas Toys" from MAD #76 (1963). Sadly, this isn't the first time something like this has happened. Al has fought a decades-long legal battle alleging that IKEA's Penninggräs couch cushion was based on his Fold-in from MAD #216! (A claim that the country's finest legal minds have called "preposterous" and "startlingly stupid" — but that's not the point!)



"Kids designing for kids" in 2016 (above) and in 1963 (below)



#### GOURD HAVE MERCY!

Chris James sent in a picture of his MAD bumper sticker-adorned jack-o-lantern creation. If ever there were a pumpkin that was begging to be set on fire, this is it!



#### **TYPE DREAMS**

I love your magazine and I buy one every time it comes out. I think I've been brainwashed since I first got my dad's old issues for Christmas. I thought I got duped at first but then I read the magazine and got hooked. How are you a gang of idiots if you can type perfectly well? I find it's one of those odd mysteries of life that I'll never fully understand.

#### Jack Hageman • Acworth, GA

Orange is the New Jack — Yes, life is indeed mysterious — oftentimes, we find ourselves at our desks, rubbing our chins, thinking, "What the heck is the point of this rambling letter from Jack Hageman of Acworth, Georgia?" Is it that you want to know how an idiot "can type perfectly well"? If that's the case, it shouldn't be too puzzling — your letter was very nicely typed. Thanks for writing, dum-dum! —Ed.

#### **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

I am 13 and have been subscribing for about two years. MAD has made me think and ask questions, mainly about how you're still in business or why you haven't figured out that you could double your profits if you branded MAD as toilet paper. My main question is, why is MAD all capitalized? Is it supposed to be said loudly when spoken? Or is it an acronym, for example Mediocre Antics Department or Makers of Amateurish Derisions? Seriously though, your magazine is the best magazine in the whole world! pretty good.

#### Skyler Hoffman • Durham, NC

Vanilla Skyler — To answer your questions: 1) We're still in business because we swore we'd keep printing until we received an intelligent letter — and thanks to you, our doors must stay open another day! 2) No toilet paper company wants to be tarnished by an association with MAD — the stuff on MAD's paper is far worse than anything that's ever wound up on toilet paper! And 3) You're right, it's an acronym — and it's easy to remember! MAD stands for "publishers of moronic letters from 13-year-old durhAm, north carolina iDiots"! Think on that one, why doncha? —Ed.

## Letters and Tomatoes



#### ALFRED LOOK-ALIKE

Quynn Larden Passeri sent in this picture (taken by Nicky Dunlop) of her nephew Rhys. Quynn points out that she's Rhys' favorite aunt. Seems like you probably just forfeited that title, auntie!



#### **WRITING WRONGS**

(Ed.'s note: The letter below came to us via MAD's Legal Dept.) I am now writing one letter a day for September and October to MAD Magazine trying to get them to publish one of my letters. If I am not successful in getting them to publish even one letter, do you think MAD would mind if I publish the letters to MAD somewhere else as "rejects" from MAD? I have seen a book of rejected cartoons from The New Yorker so this would be similar. Do I need your permission? Thank you for your consideration.

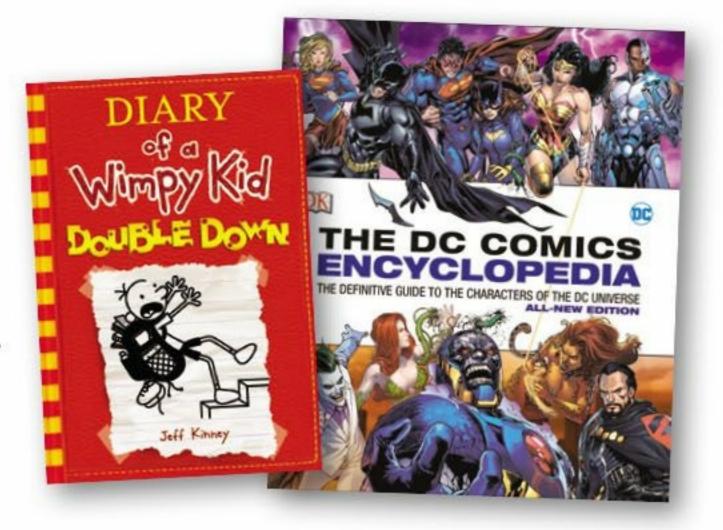
#### Daniel S. Weinberg • Chicago, IL

Wein and Dine — Sooooo — we've printed your letter...in which you ask what you can do if we don't print your letter. Did we just solve this problem? Did the universe just collapse onto itself? Just to be clear, though — you're suggesting a book of "rejects" from MAD? As in, things that weren't good enough to appear in MAD? As if such a thing exists! Thanks for writing...and writing and writing and writing! —Ed.

#### READER ALERT



Did you have your letter printed in this issue? Don't despair — it's not ALL bad news! In addition to the shame of appearing in our pages, you'll receive some truly excellent swag/consolation prizes! You'll get *Kelly: The* Cartoonist America Turns To by MAD's own Ward Sutton and Stan Kelly, from our chums at Yoe Books and IDW; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*, from our pals at Amulet Books; The DC Comics Encyclopedia: All-New *Edition*, courtesy of our buds at DK; and a Blu-ray of *Batman: Return of the* Caped Crusaders from our amigos at Warner Home Video! So what are you waiting for? Write a letter to MAD — the indignity comes with rewards!



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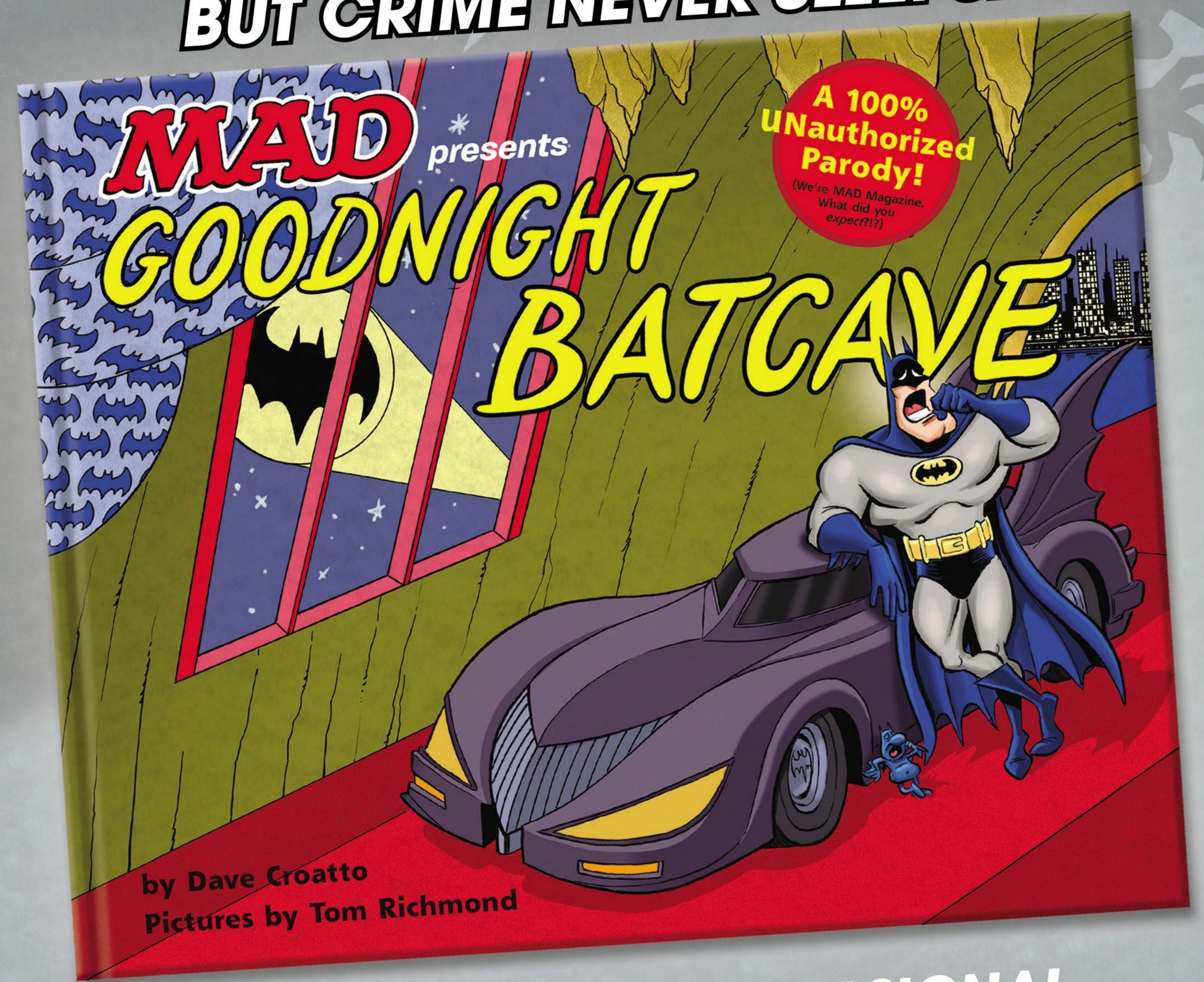
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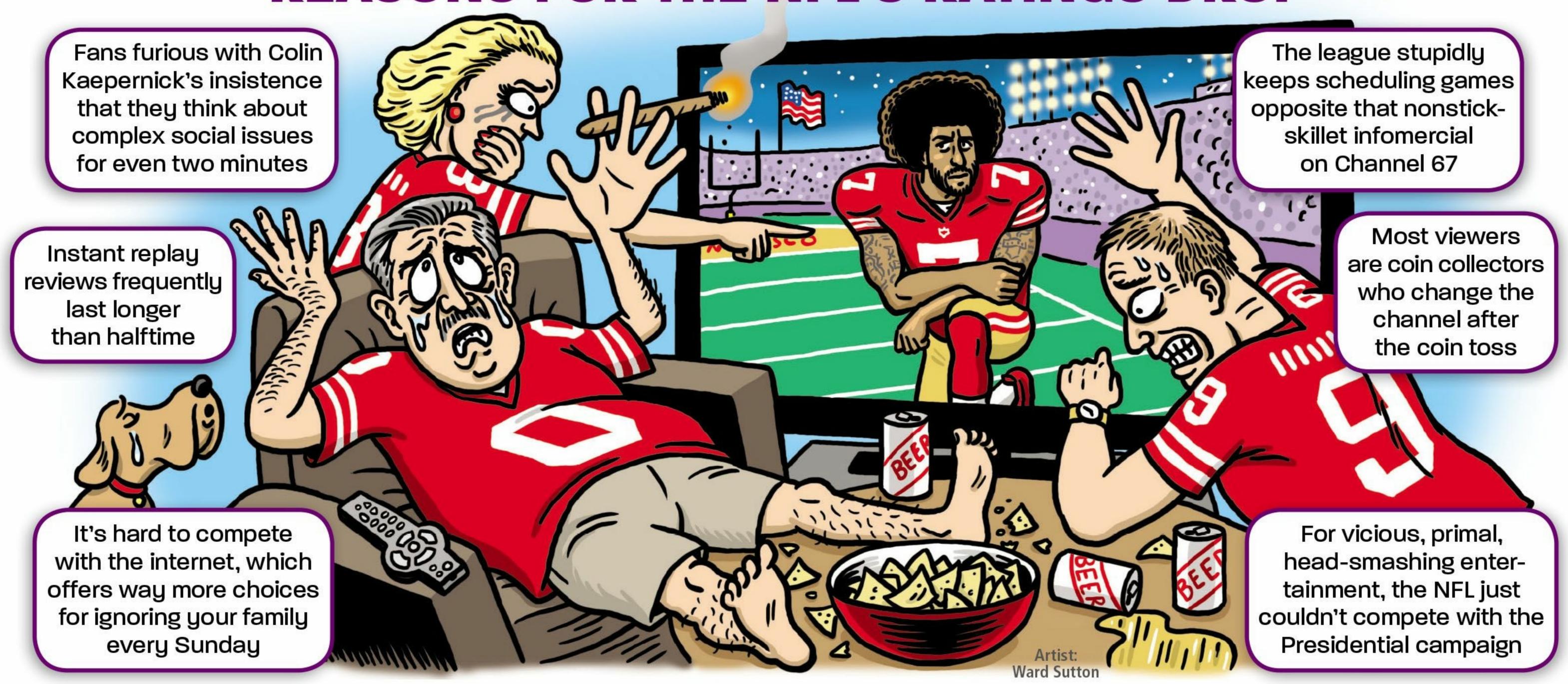
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#### Critics' Blurbs for Terrible Kids' Books: Holiday Edition

"Bill O'Reilly's
Killing Mrs. Claus
is as disturbing
as it is wellresearched."

unauthorized
Grinch sequel will thrill
fans who loved Dr. Seuss's
original, but always found it
lacking in profanity and
nude scenes."

"The weaving of the '72 virgins' doctrine into the tale of Rudolph was certainly unexpected..."

"The Stench of Gingerbread is not only delightfully illustrated, but is also a fast-paced gangland murder mystery."

Writer: Jeff Kruse "A stray puppy, a giggling elf and a magical model train combine to make one boy's Christmas morning a surreal hellscape beyond his wildest nightmares."

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"I'm sorry, but copying and pasting all these different fonts takes *time*."

## WHY IS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPROVAL RATING SO HIGH?



Anyone who said they liked him got a \$50 Amazon gift card

The poll respondents thought they were being asked about *Michelle* Obama

America is finally free of racism, obviously

The results were misreported: 55% of people didn't approve of Obama; it was 55 *people* 

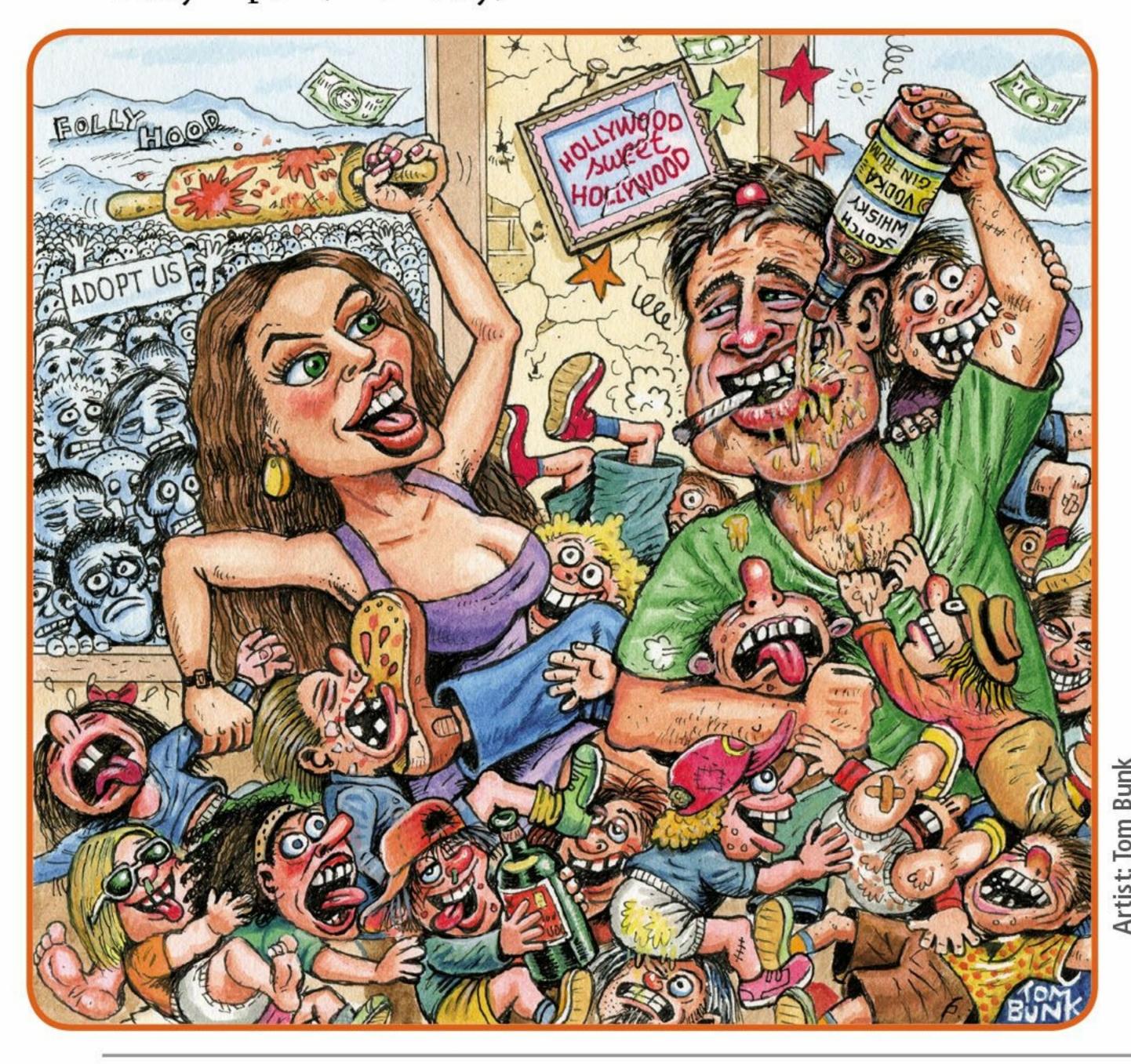
He's been much more personable lately, what with him about to escape the living hell he's been trapped in since 2008

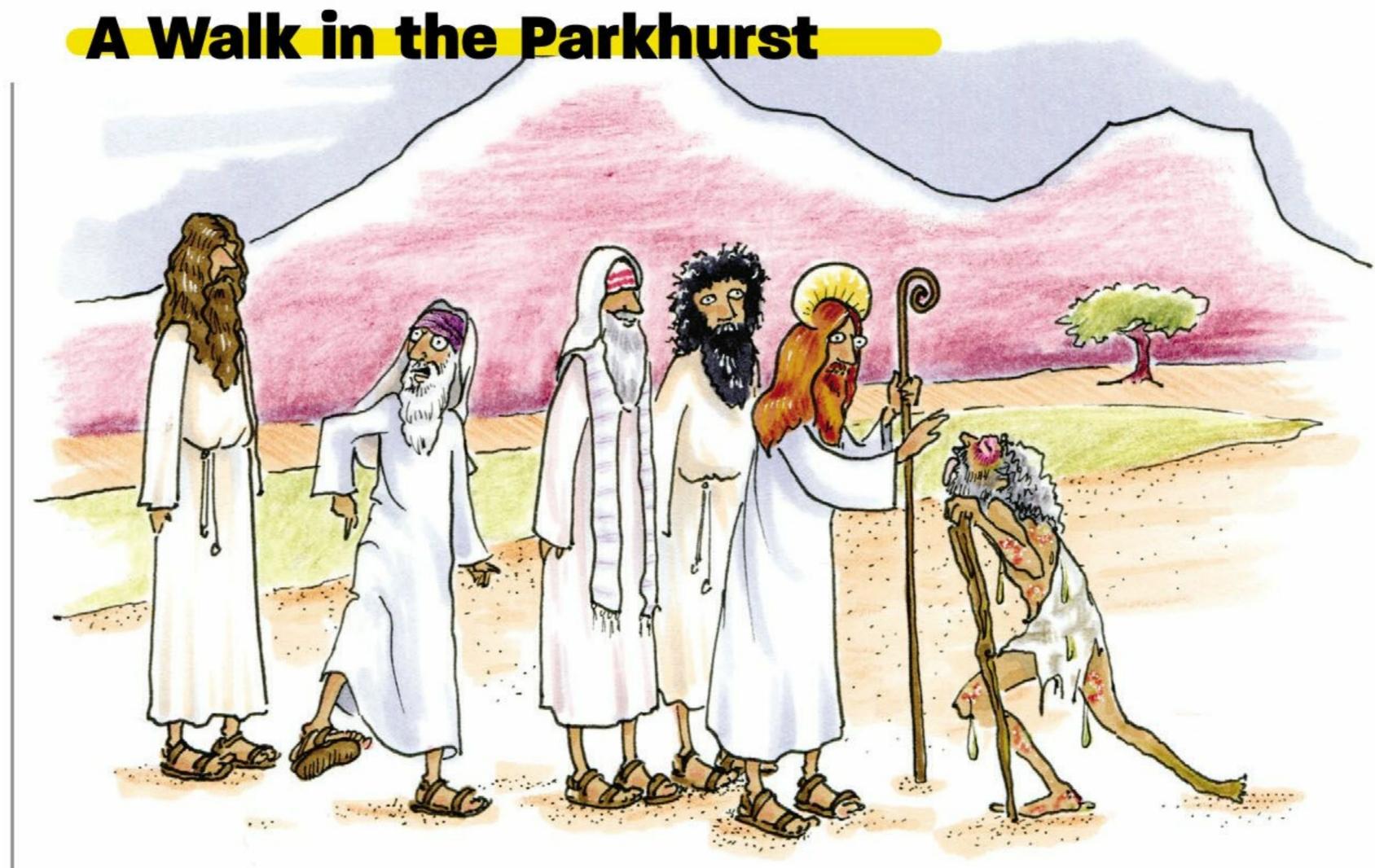
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#### The Fast Five

# THE REAL REASONS WHY ANGELINA JOLIE IS DIVORCING BRAD PITT

- 1 During sex, he kept screaming out his own name
- 2 He was resistant to her plan to adopt every orphan in the Eastern Hemisphere
- 3 He smoked too much weed and drank too much alcohol. And there was also the whole "micropenis" thing
- 4 Two words: Paul Giamatti
- 5 They clashed on how to parent Maddox, Shiloh, Trixie, Peaches, Luigi, Ban-Ki Moon Jr., Spanky and "Rowdy" Roddy Piper (The Baby)





"I'll tell you what would be a miracle — a little arch support in these sandals is what..."

Writer and Artist: Teresa Burns Parkhurst

#### What the New Emoji Really Mean



"Now I can creep you out in texts, too!"



"I just threw up in the bucket next to my sickbed"



"The Cialis isn't working"

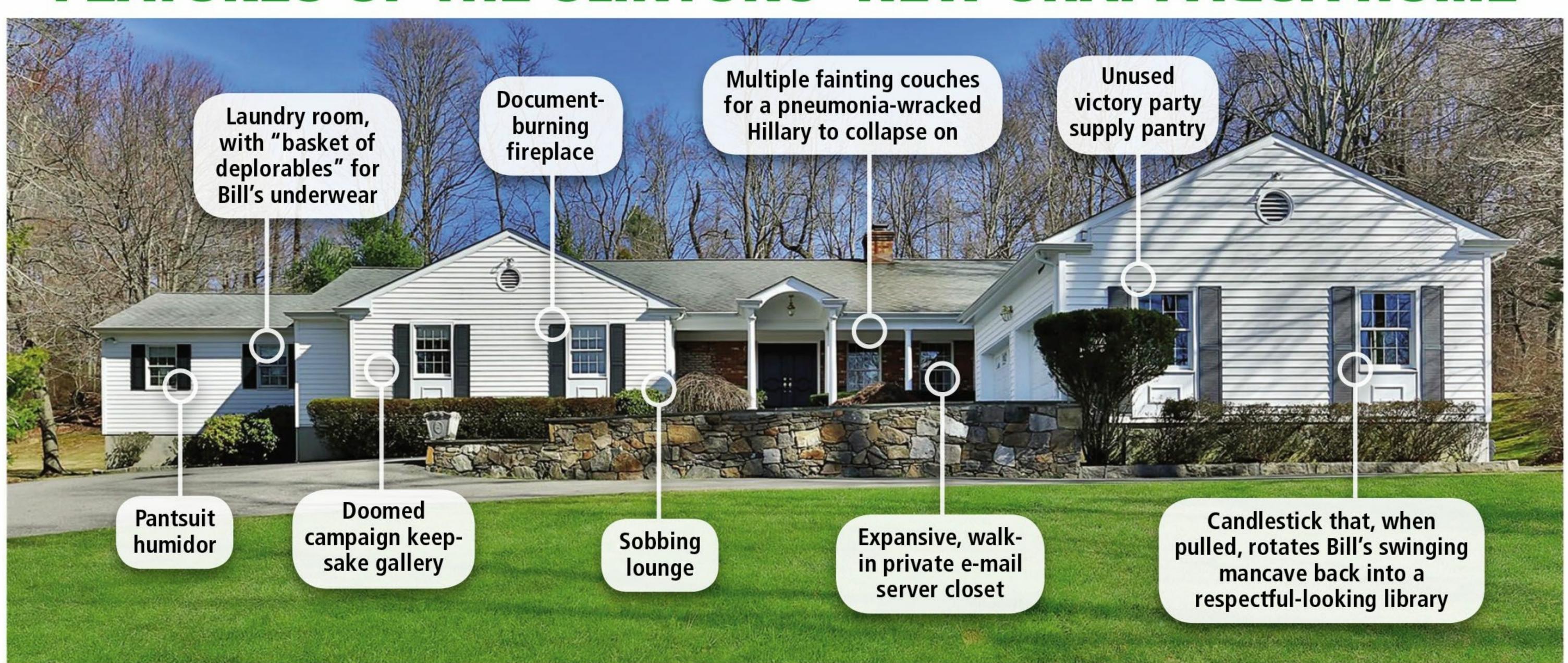


"Remember when we got plastered at Chili's eight months ago?"



"I was walking while texting and my arm got ripped off by a passing bus"

#### FEATURES OF THE CLINTONS' NEW CHAPPAQUA HOME



### THE FUNDALINI PAGES

#### Fundalini Asks: Why Didn't You Vote on Election Day?



"I loved both candidates so much, I didn't want to hurt either of their feelings by voting for the other!"

Catatonia Parsnip,, Oceanlack, NE

"The proposed amendment making asparagus the state vegetable didn't make it on the ballot, and, sorry, I'm a single-issue voter."

Harbin Conrath, Ferengi Hills, MI



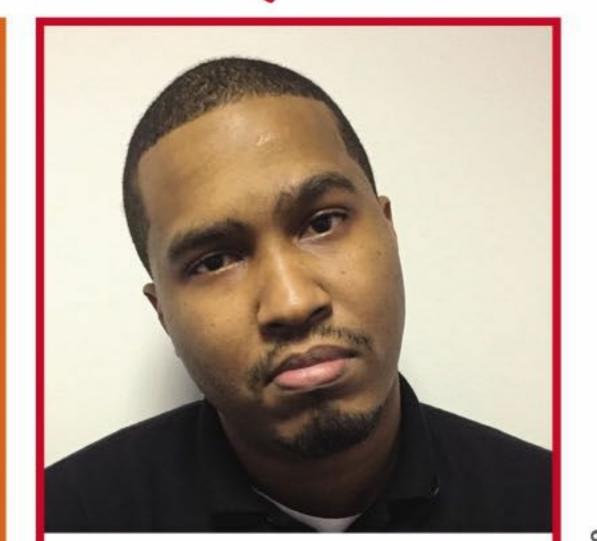
"I was in the hospital, recovering from burns. Thanks a lot, Samsung."

Denise Blatcher, Lakestream River, IL



"I thought the election was December 8th and Nicki Minaj's birthday was November 8th. Well, at least she got a nice card a month early!"

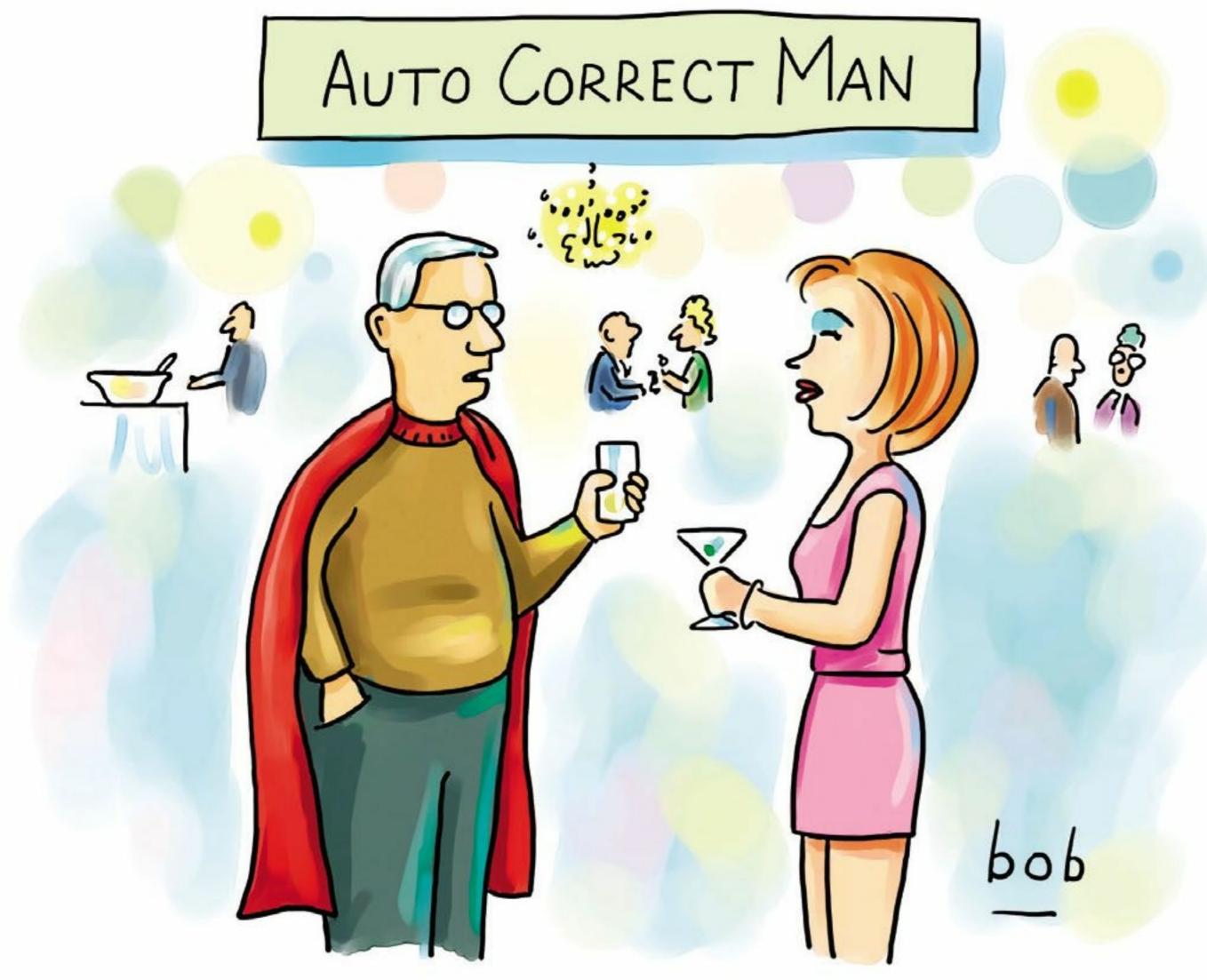
Matthew Cornfield, Lintland, CT



"I found an 'I Voted' sticker on the ground so I didn't bother going through with it."

Perry Noya, Utopia Falls, CA

#### **Eckstein Marks the Spot**



"Well, I can appreciate how busty you must be."

Writer and Artist: Bob Eckstein

#### The Faster Five

#### WAYS THAT BILLY BUSH CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY

The same thing he's been doing since the Trump tape was released: slowly rocking back and forth in bed with the covers pulled over his head

Wishing someone, anyone, would take him "furniture shopping" **3** Searching job sites for openings in the "Vapid, Grinning Sycophant" Industry

4 Interviewing himself in the mirror, asking, "So what's next for Billy Bush?" in an increasingly hysterical voice

Visiting local locker rooms for some invigorating, much-needed "banter"



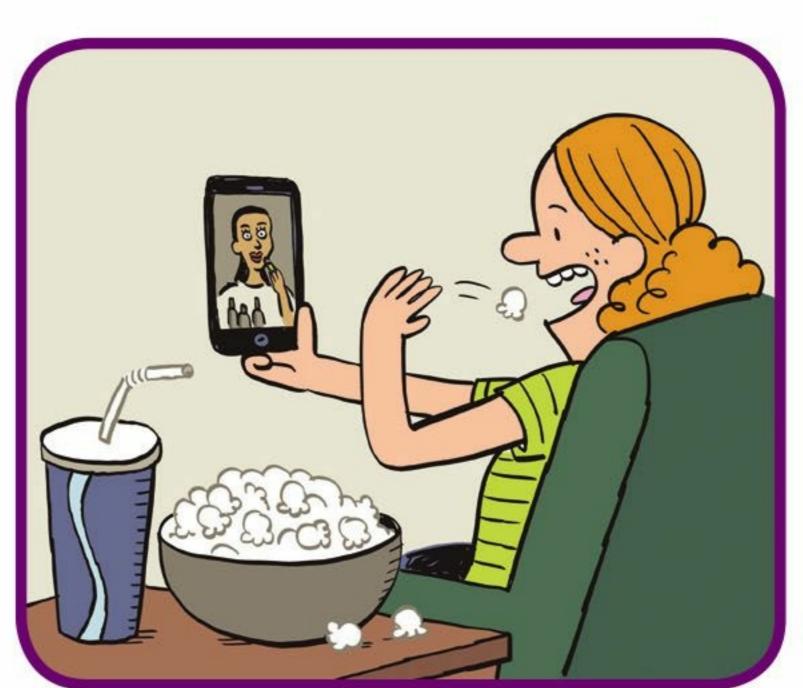
#### SIGNS YOU'RE WAY TOO INTO SNAPCHAT



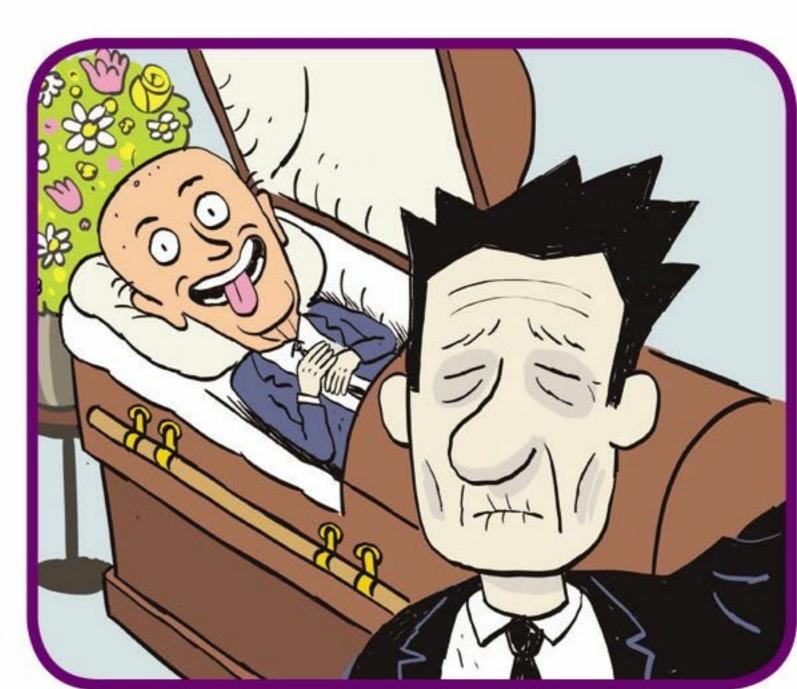
You look in the mirror and don't even recognize yourself without a puppy-dog nose and rainbow vomit spewing from your mouth



Last week, you tapped your history teacher's forehead in an attempt to skip his lecture



You regard Kylie Jenner as one of contemporary filmmaking's leading auteurs



Your family won't talk to you ever since you tried to get one last face swap with Grandpa at his wake



You've started putting actual emoji stickers on all the old family photos hanging on your walls



You've seen DJ Khaled in the shower and that STILL wasn't enough to get you to delete the freakin' app

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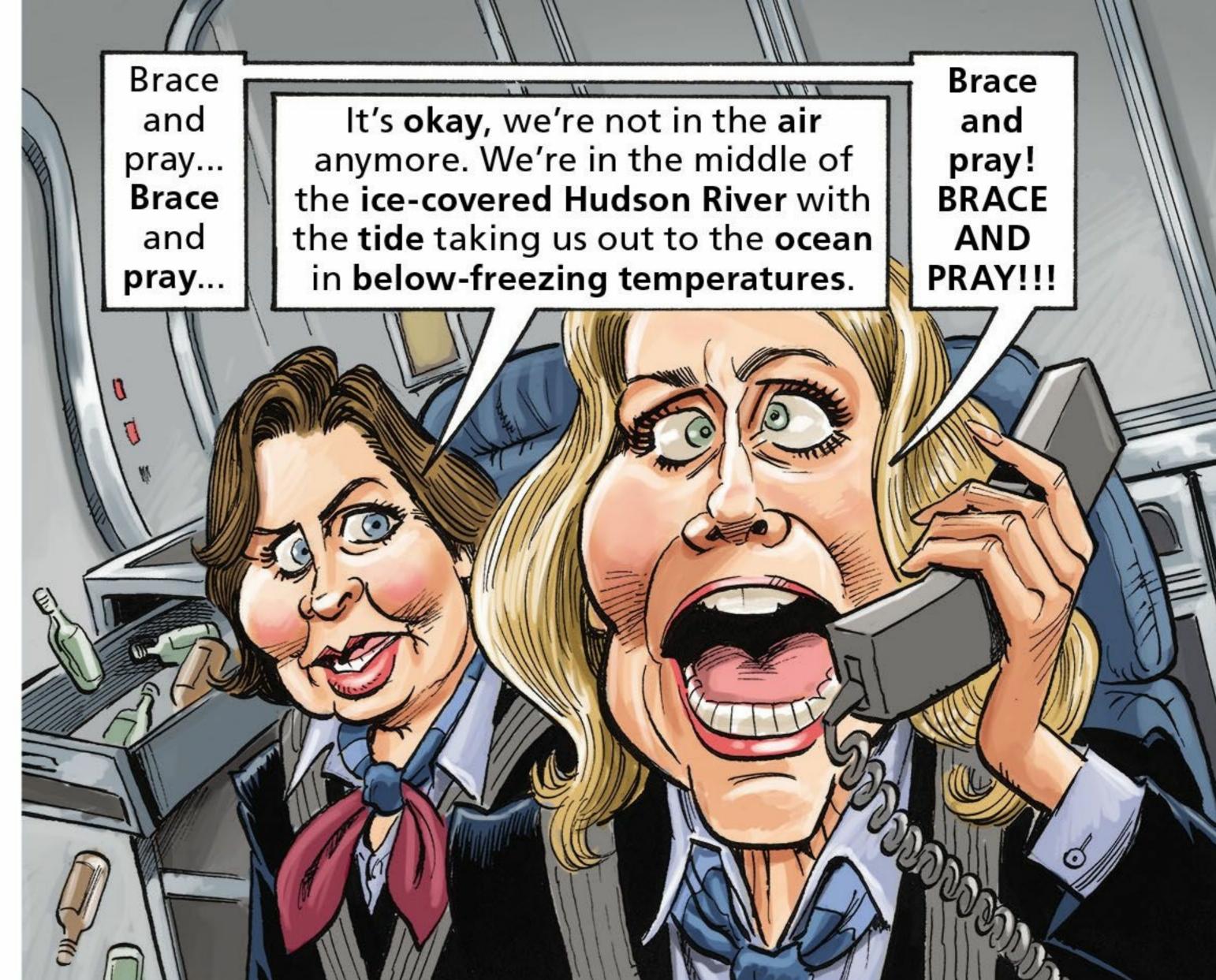
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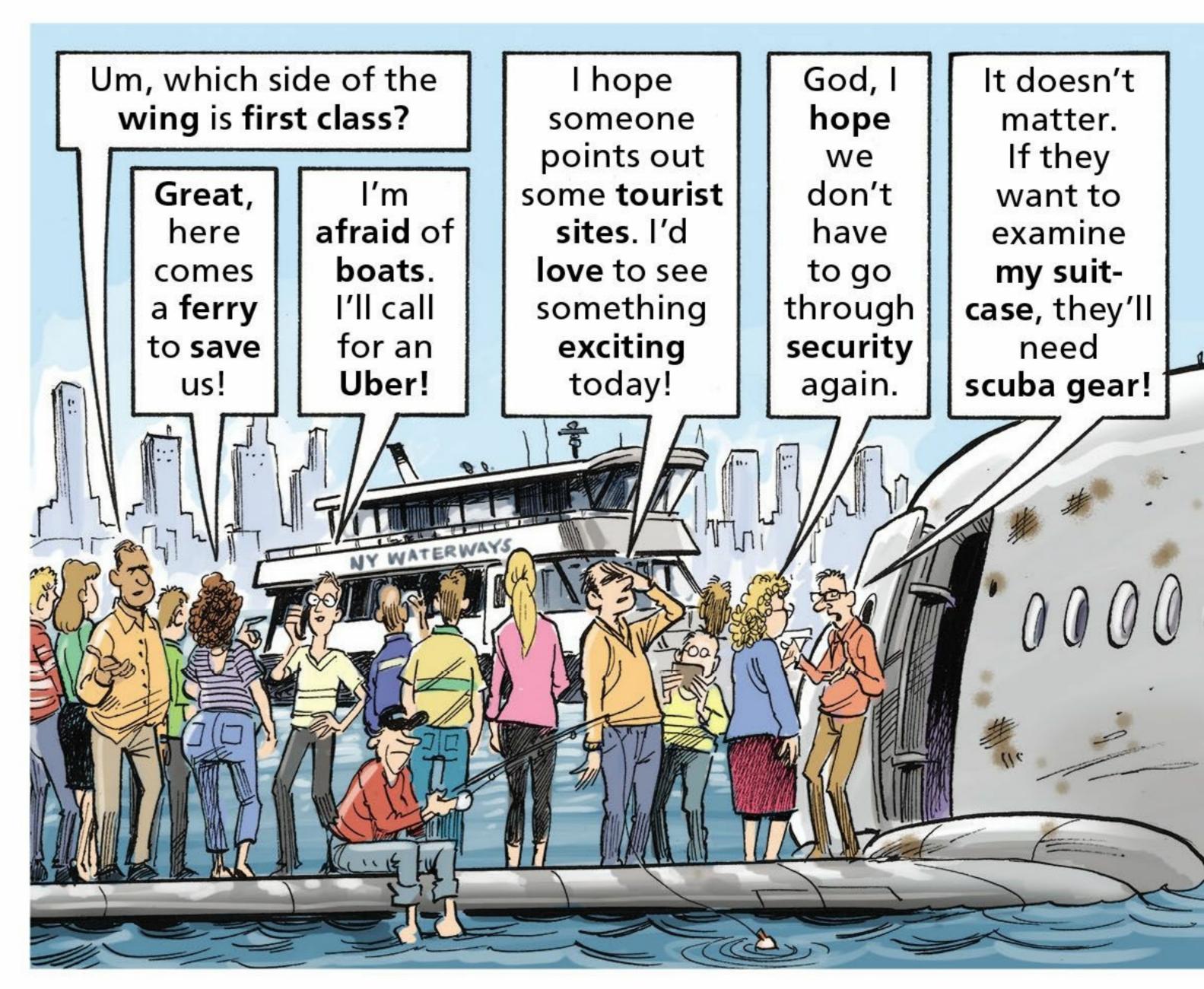




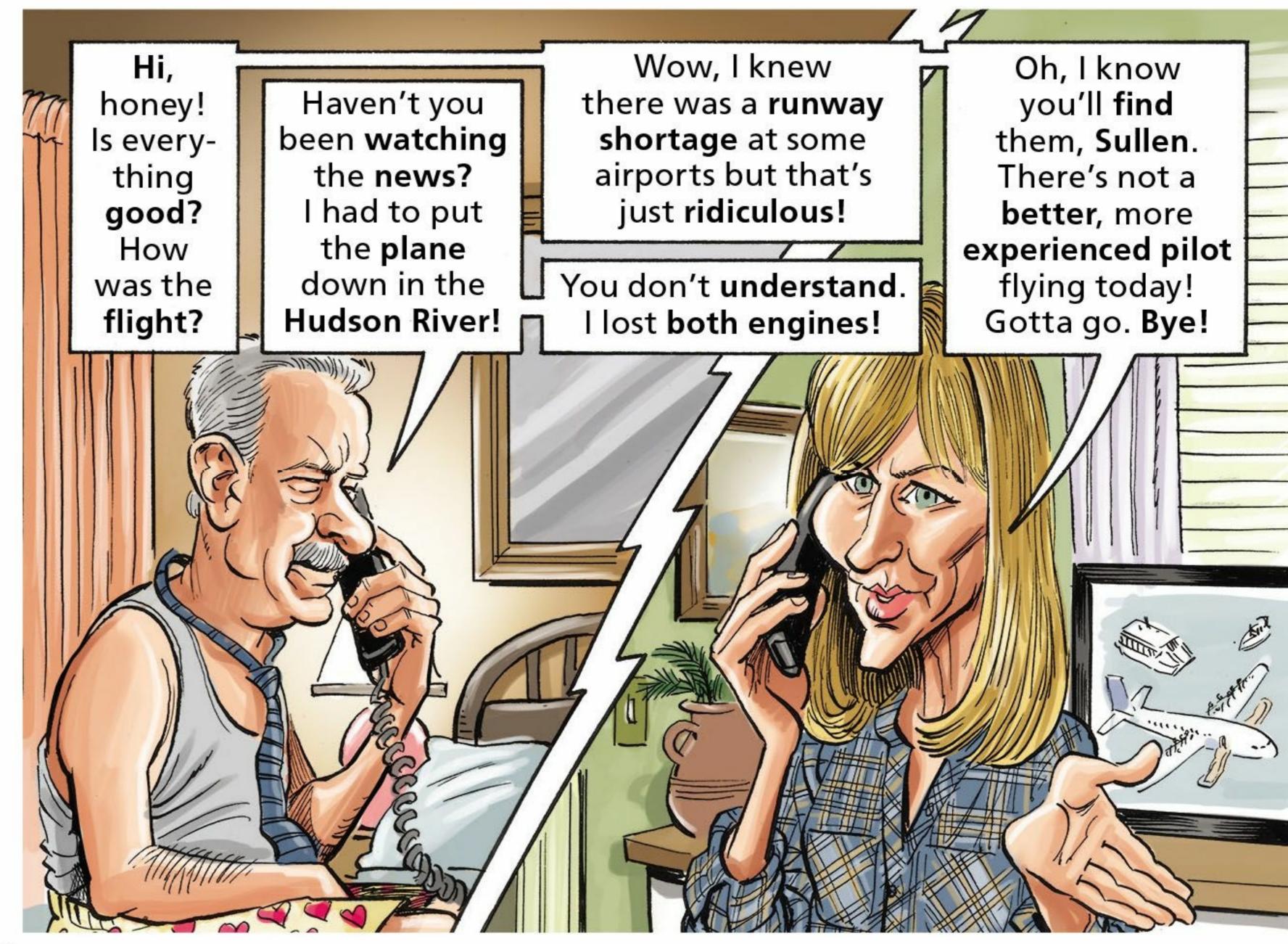


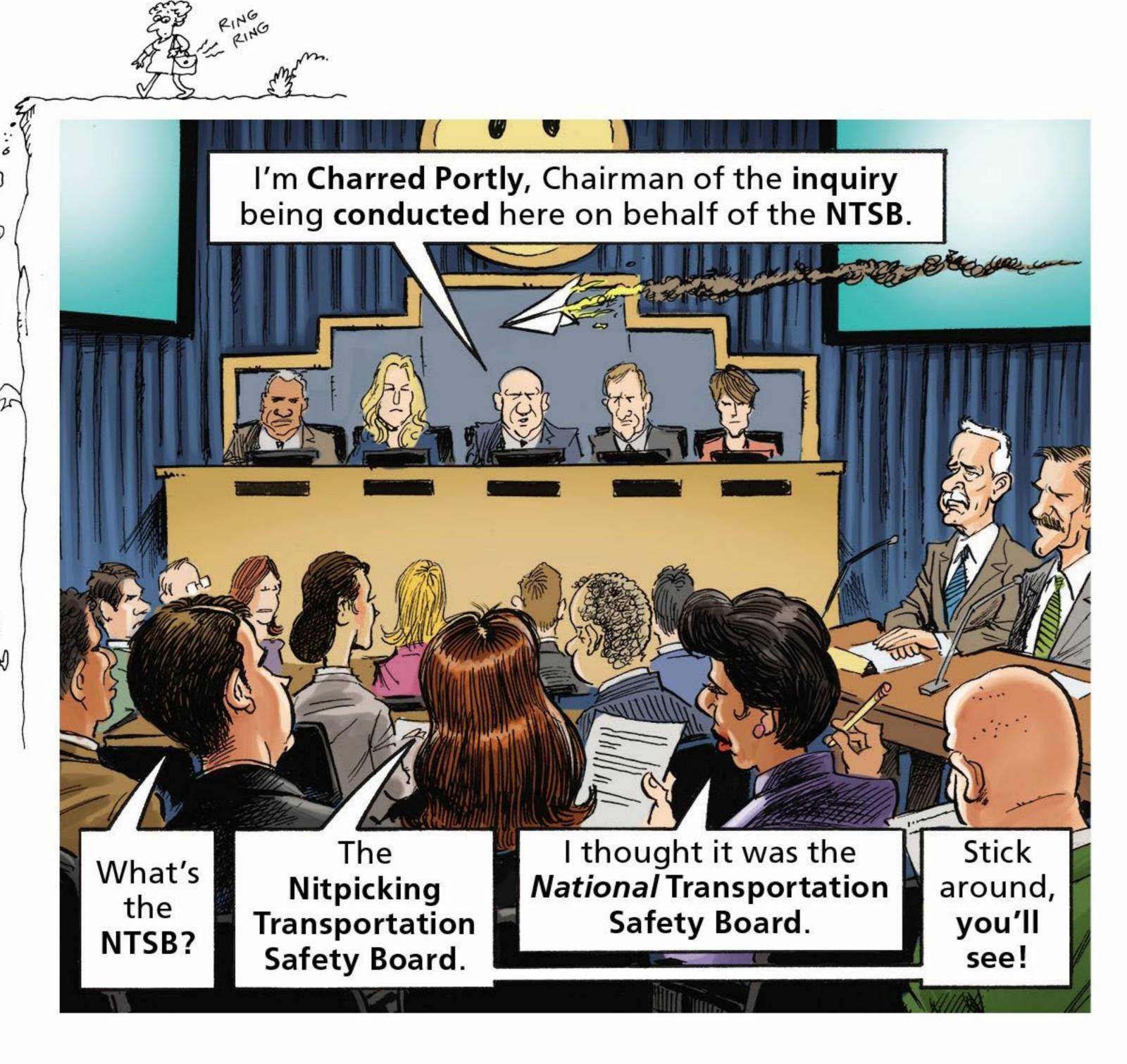




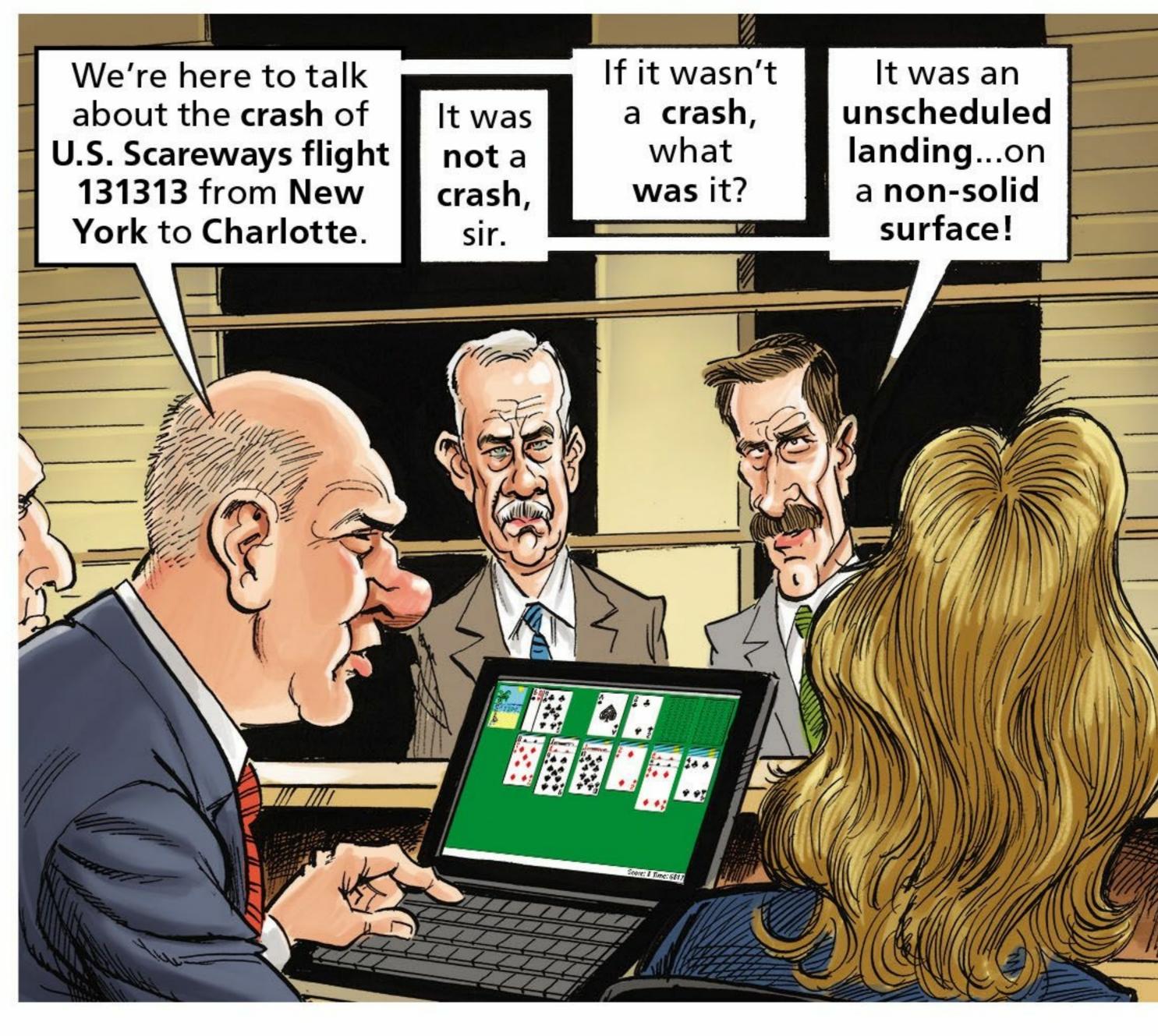


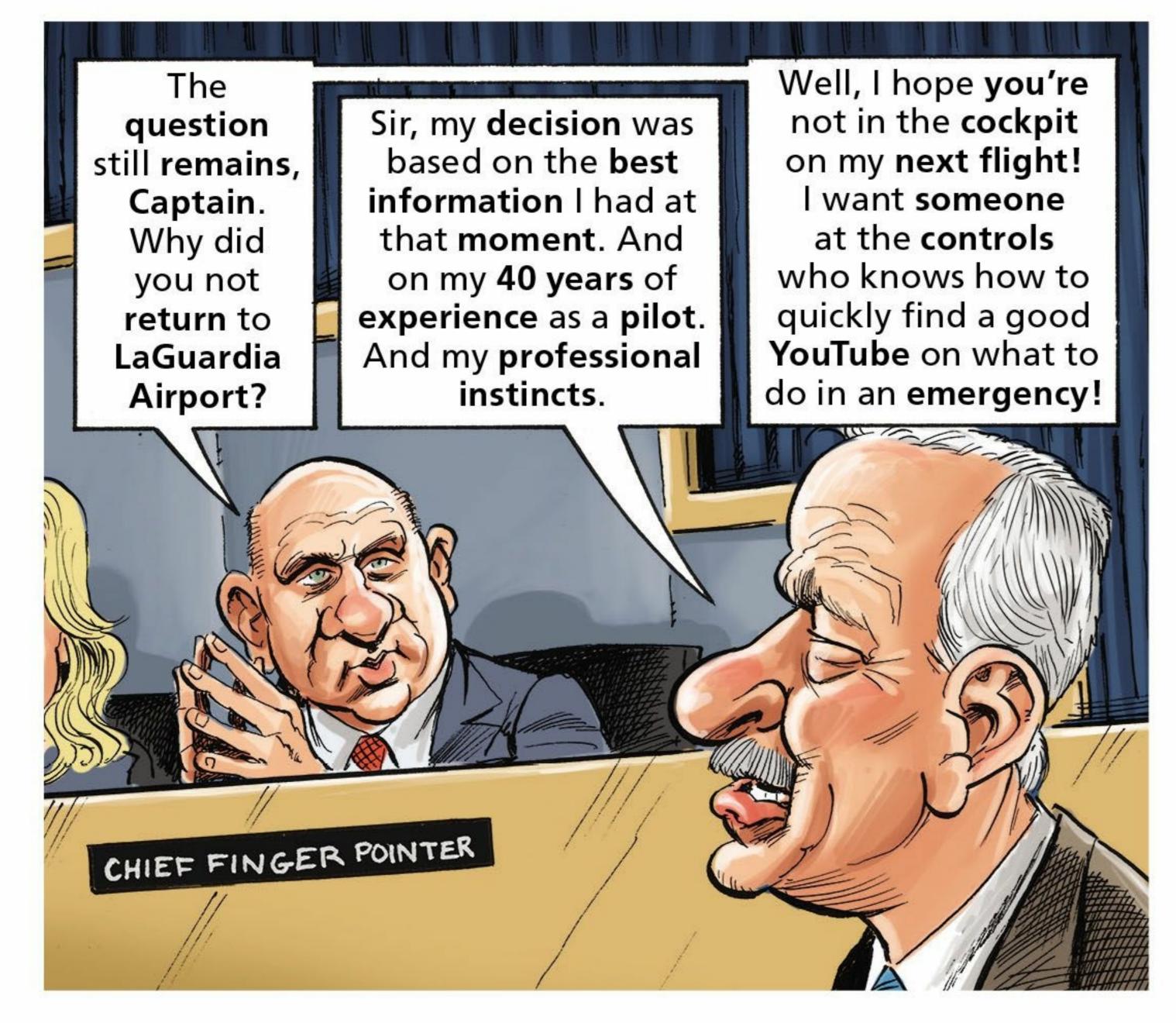


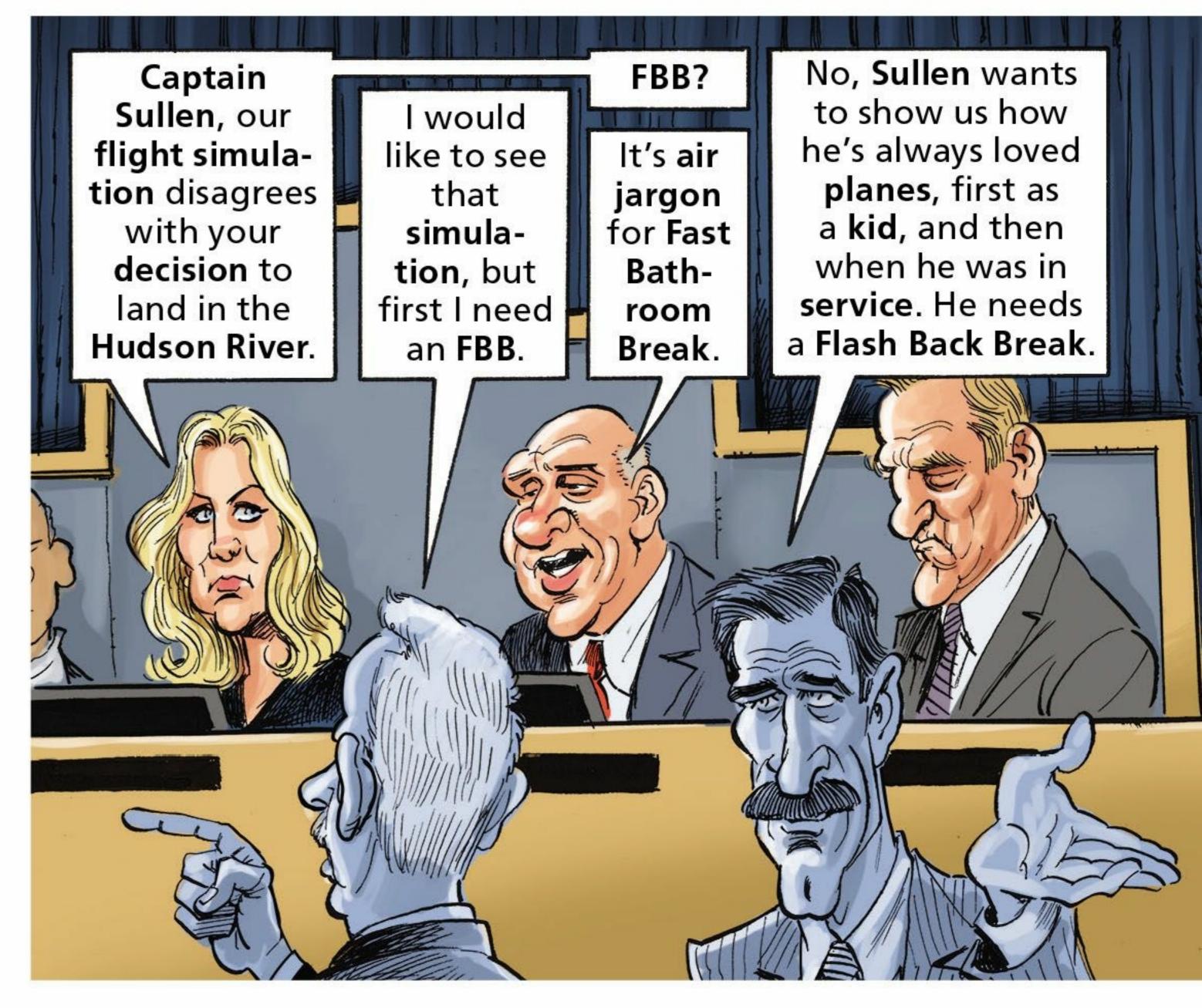


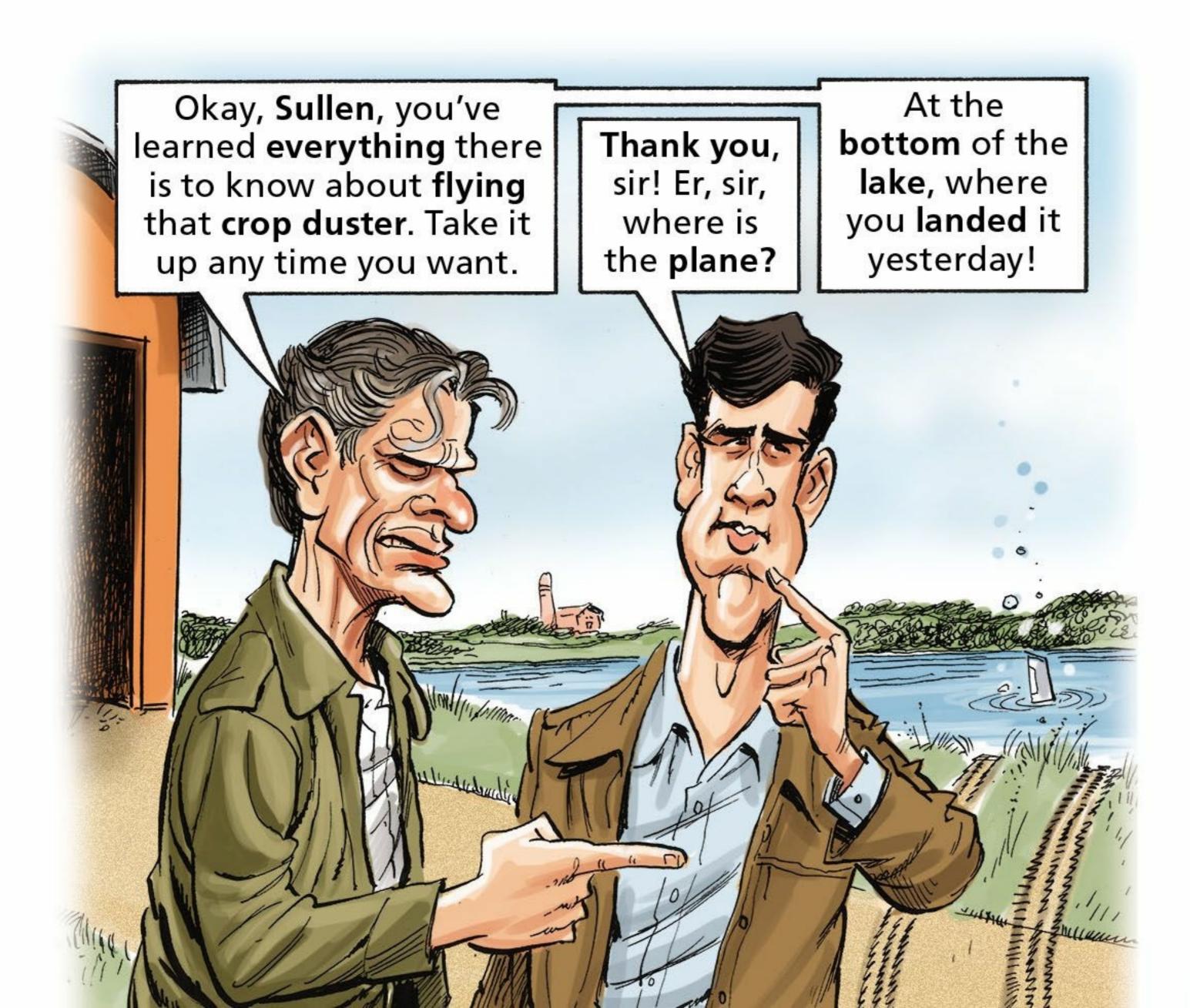


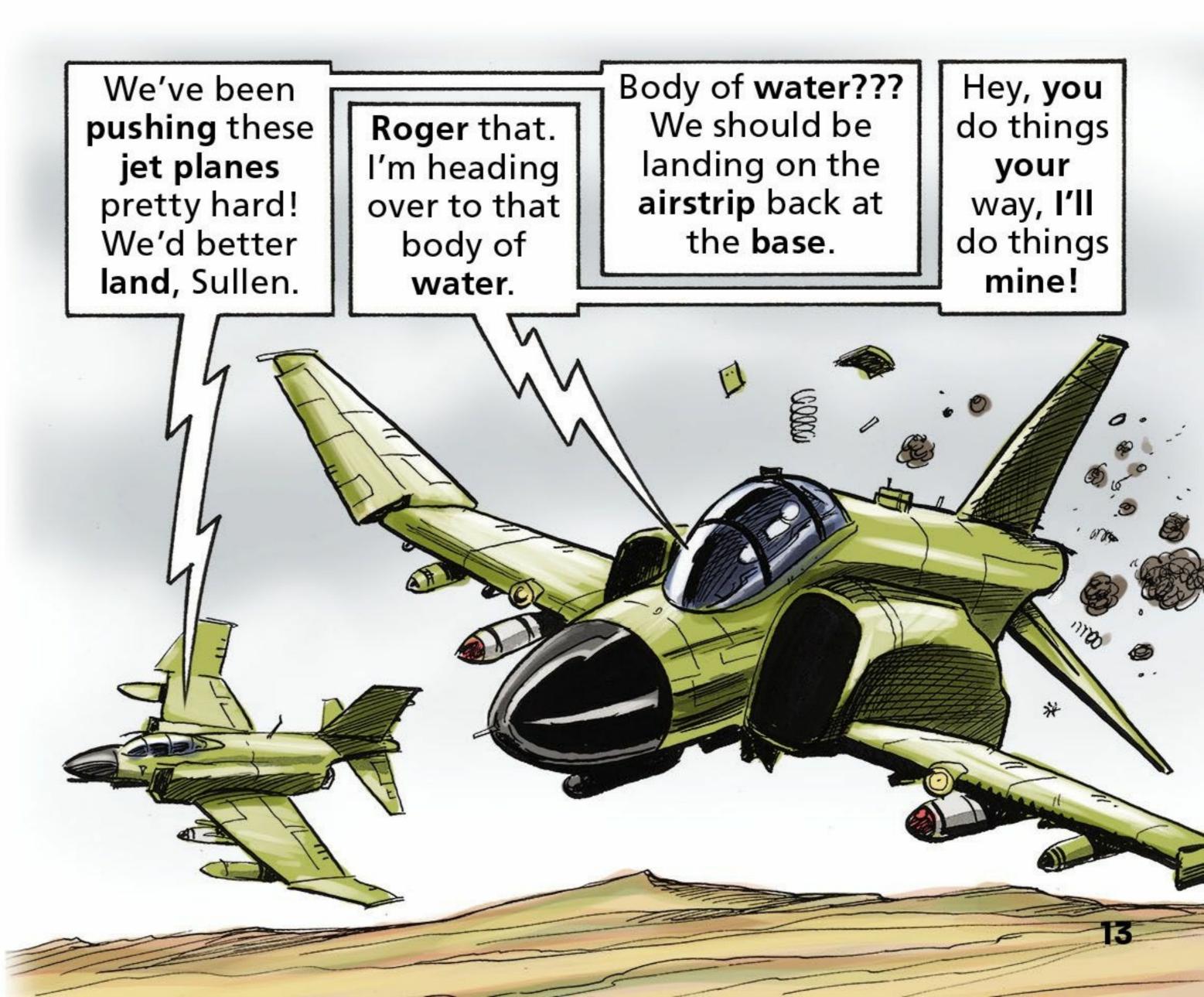
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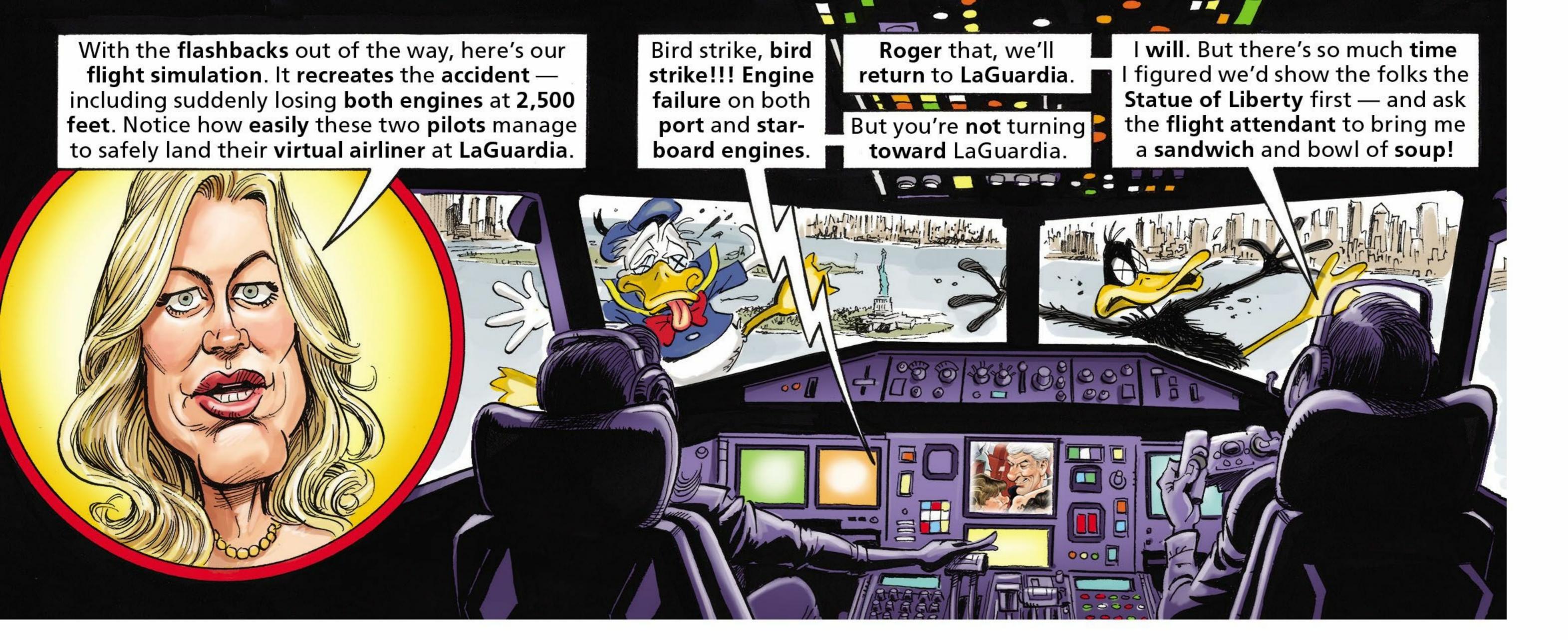


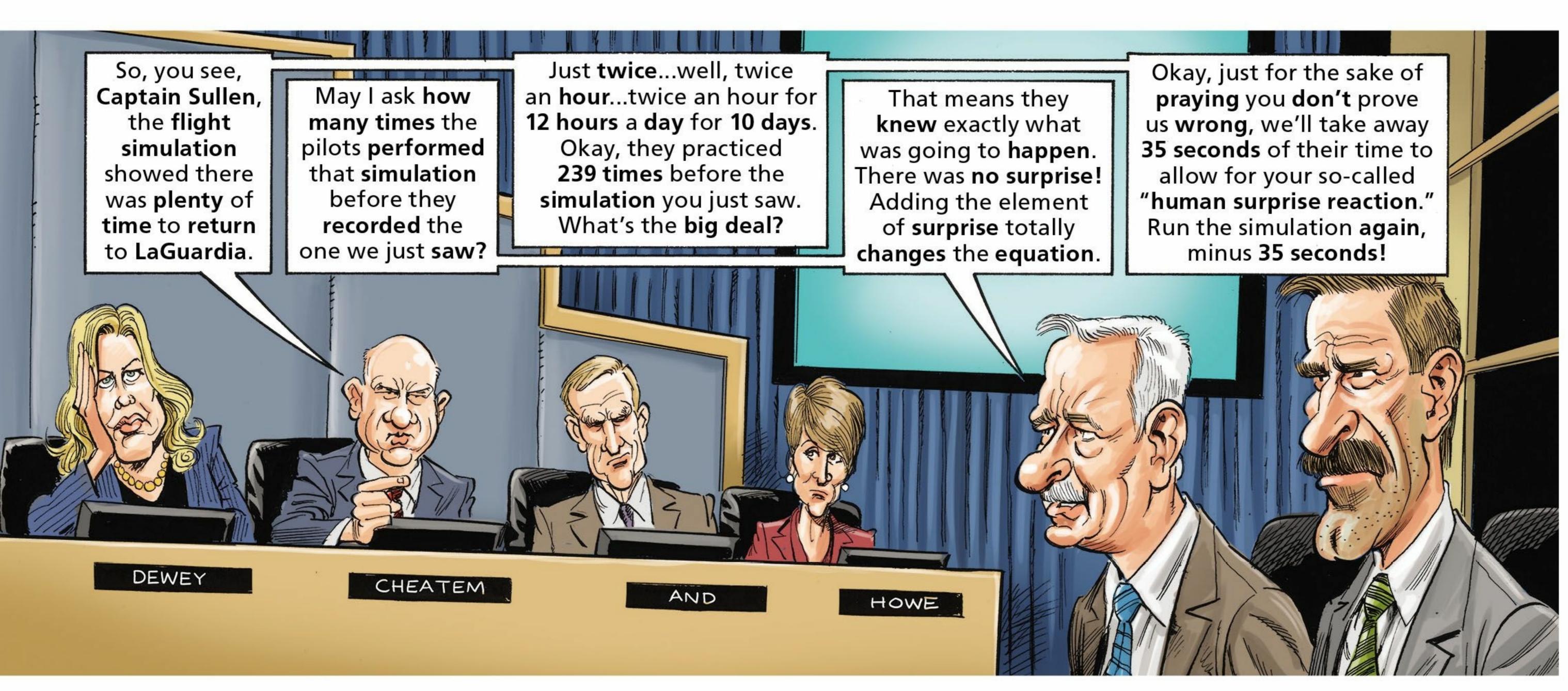












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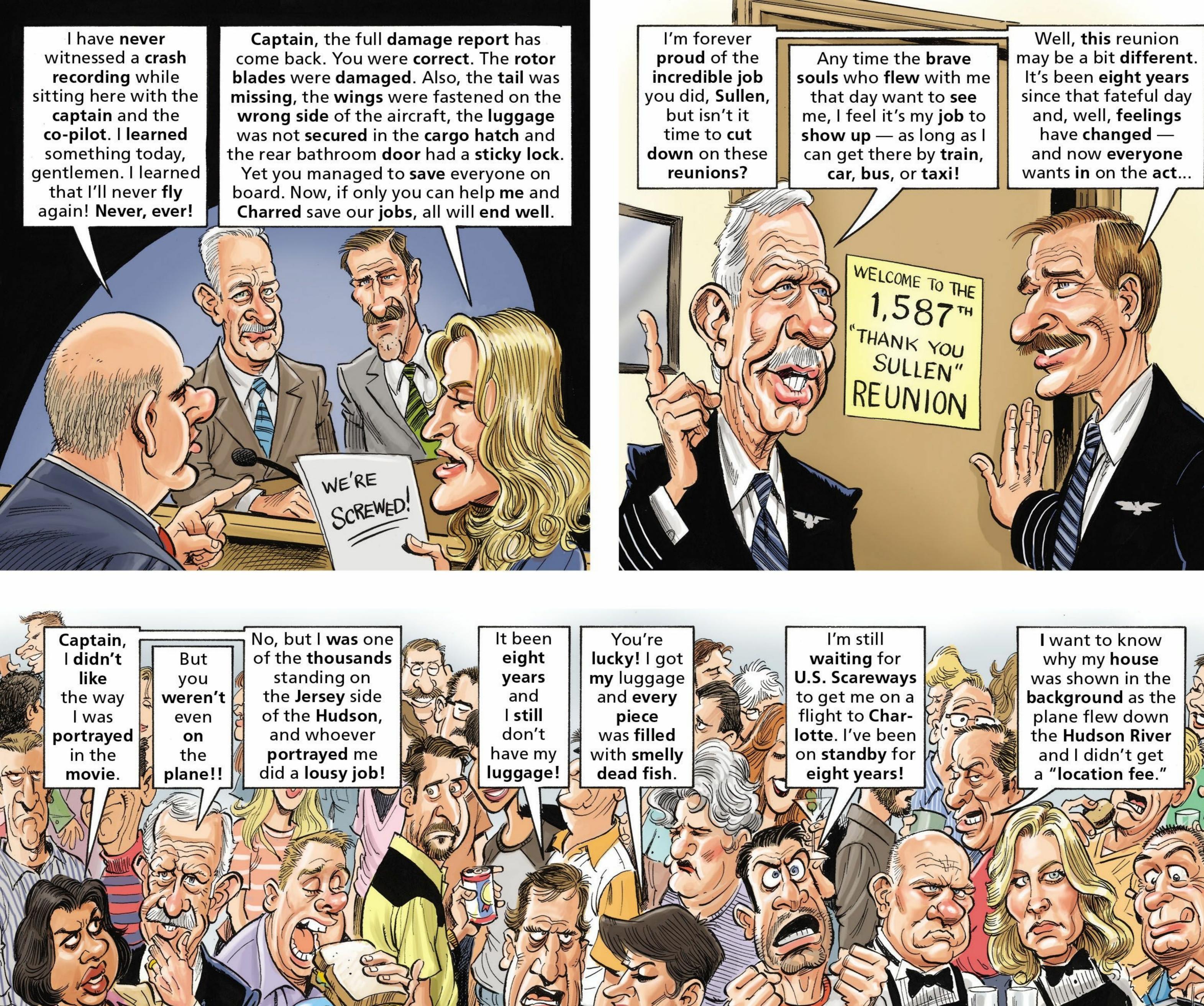
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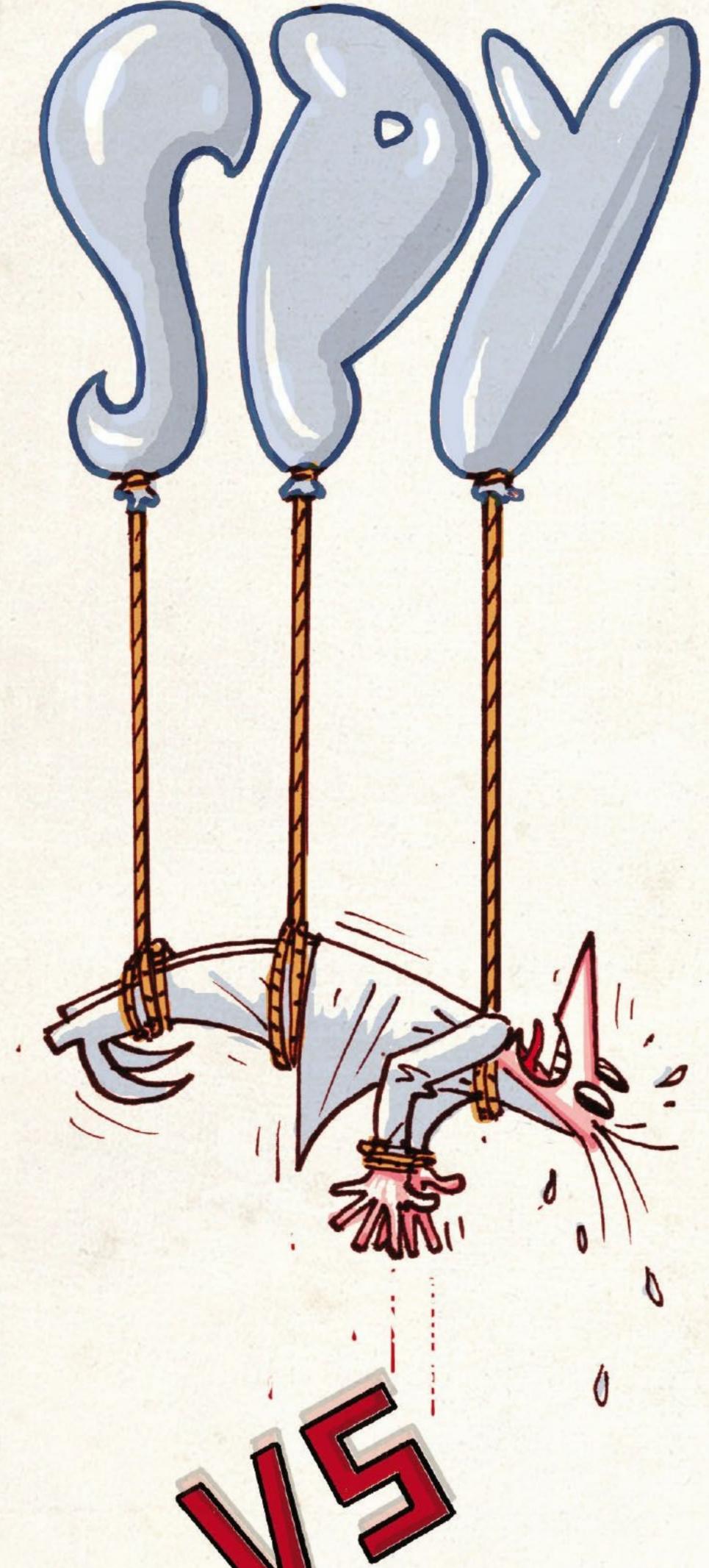


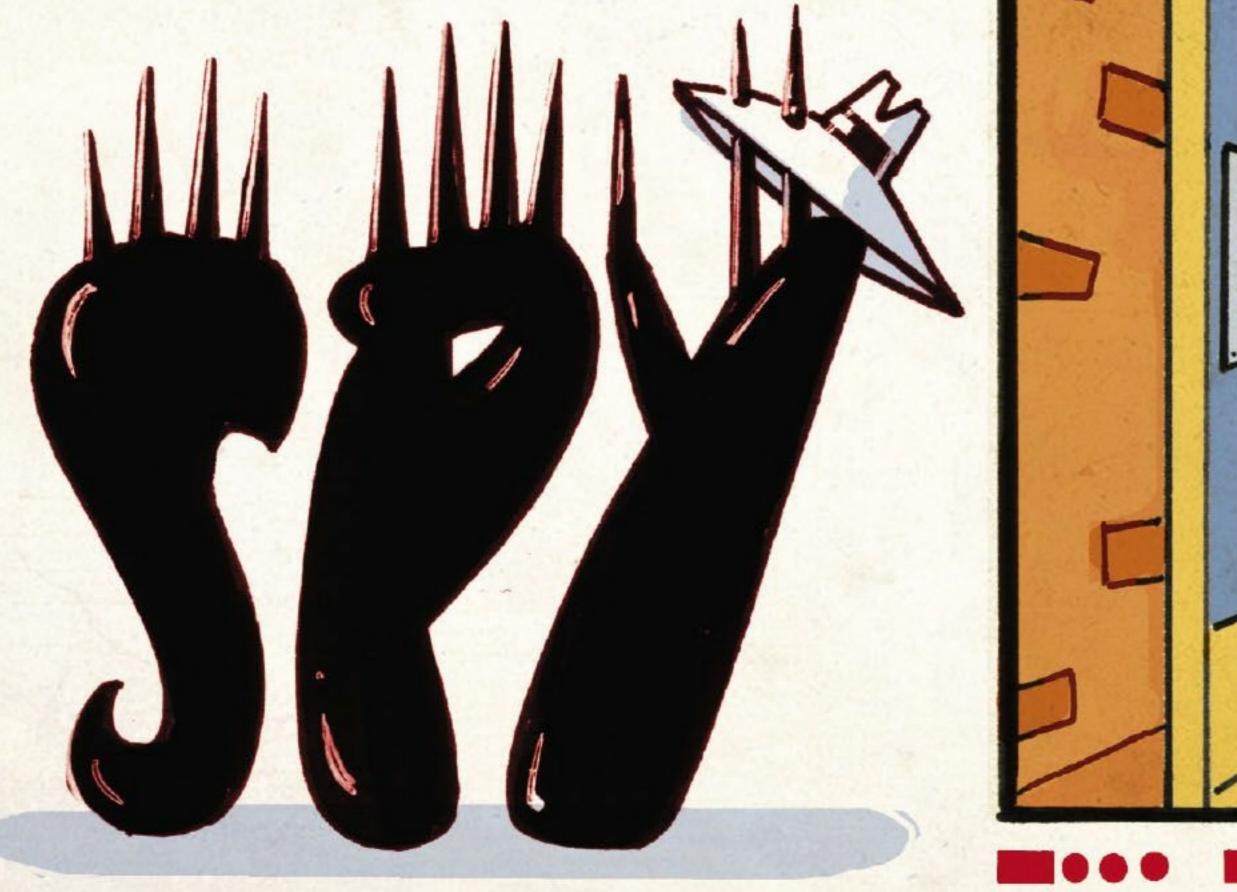






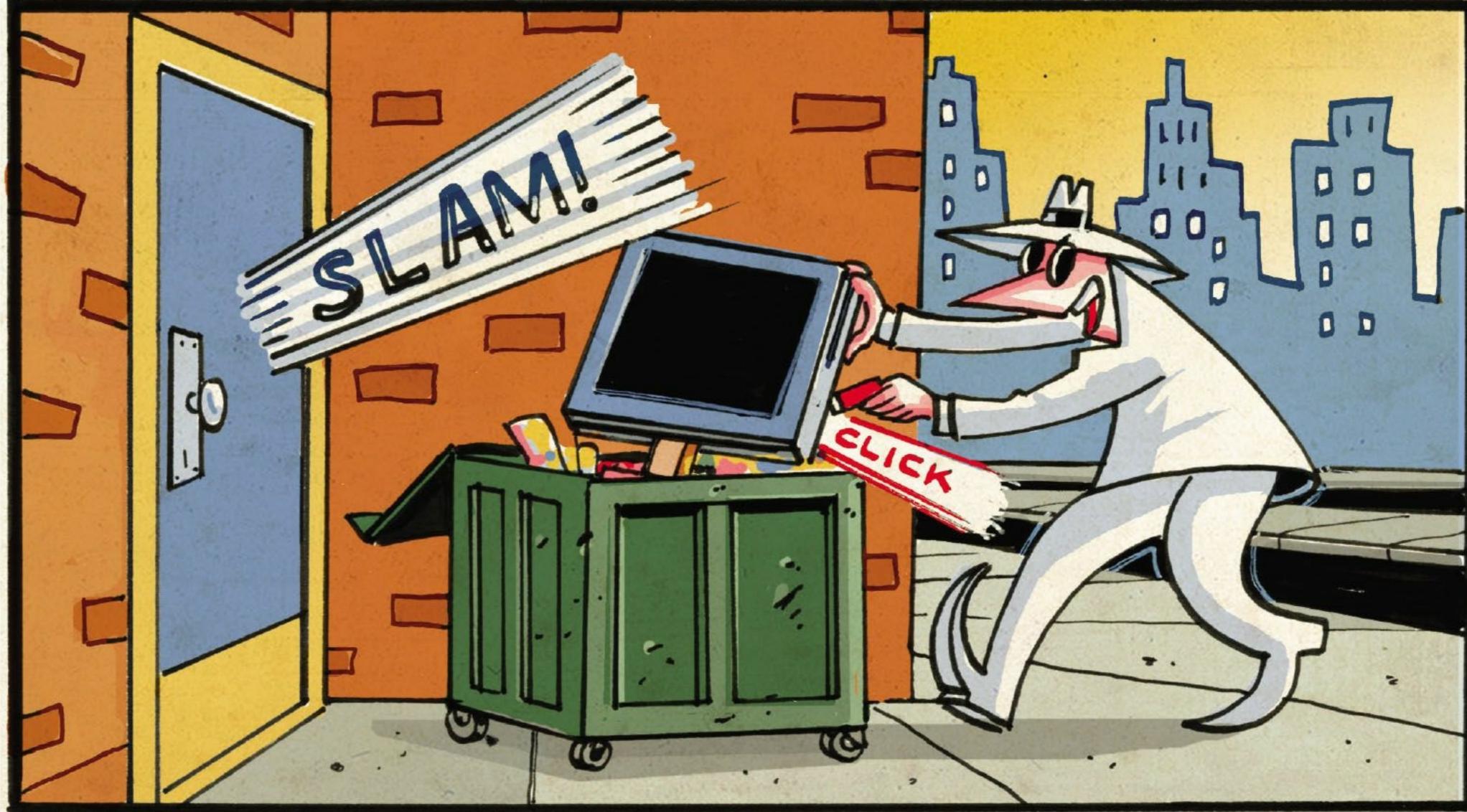




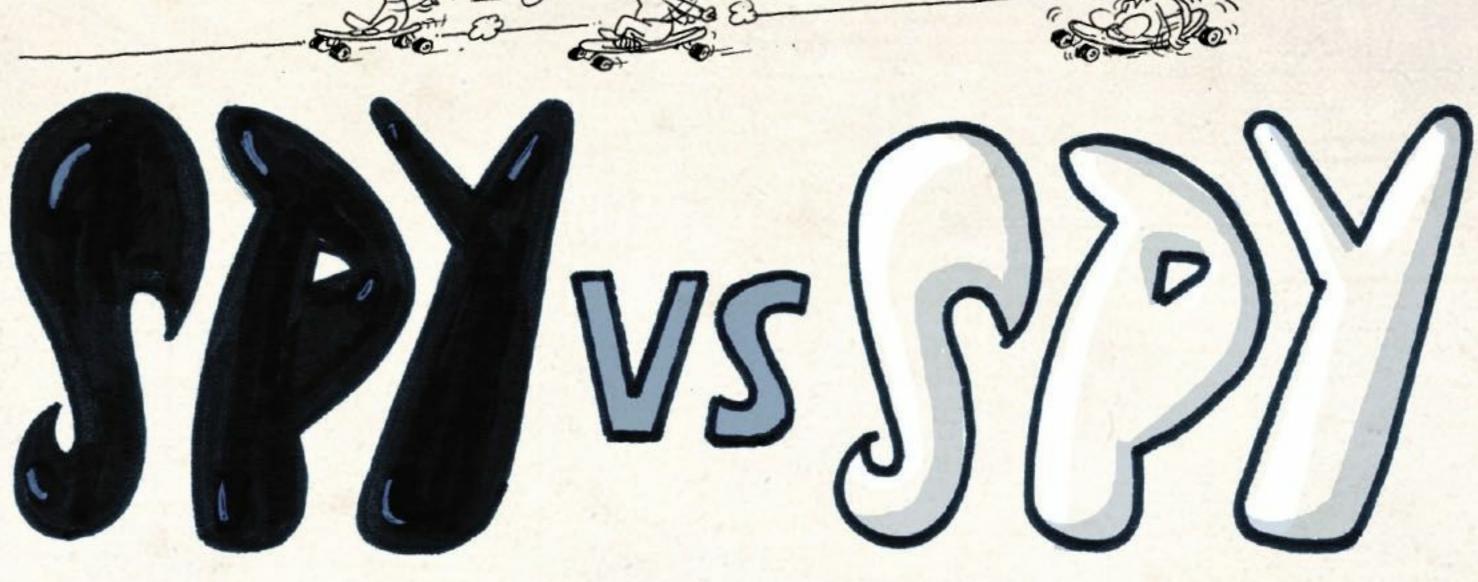




















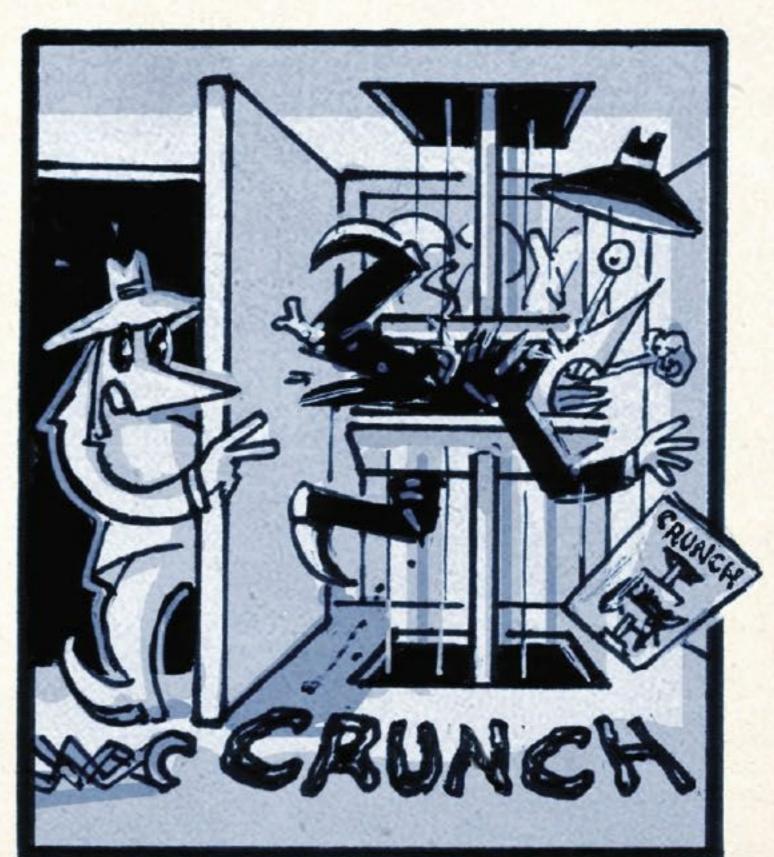












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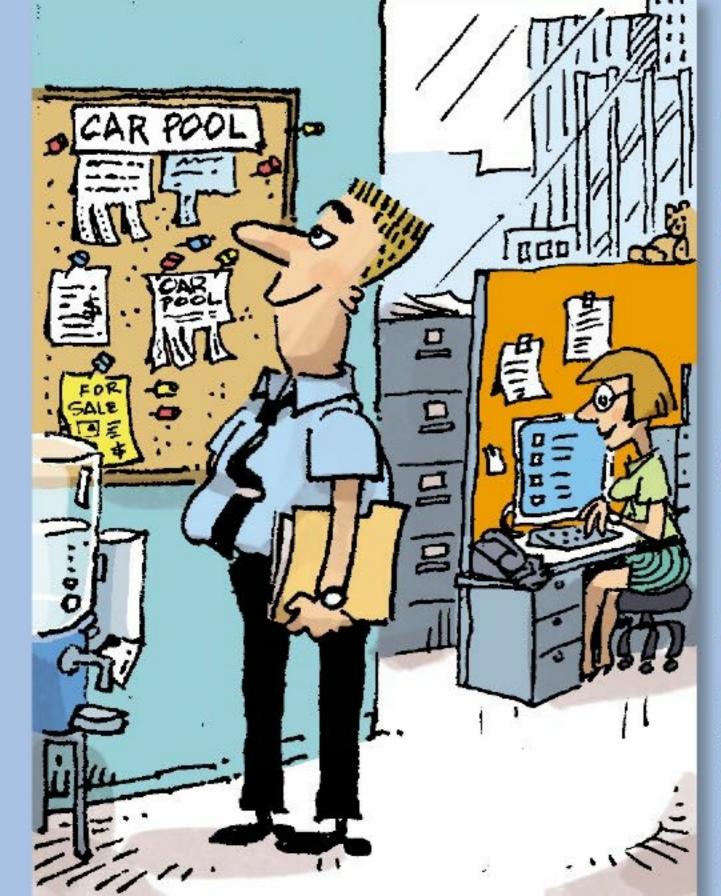




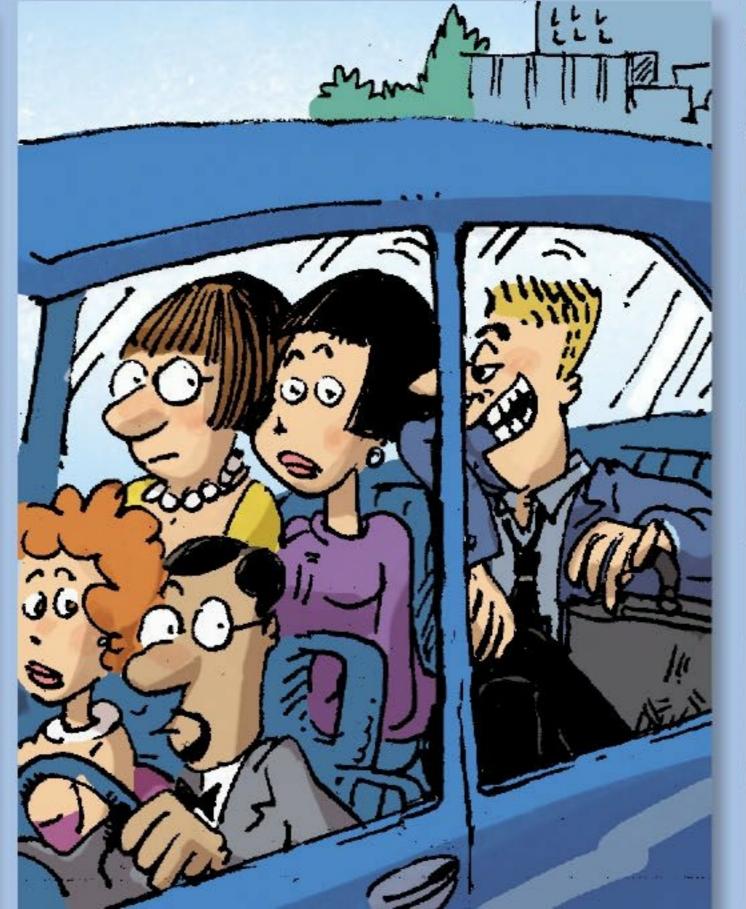


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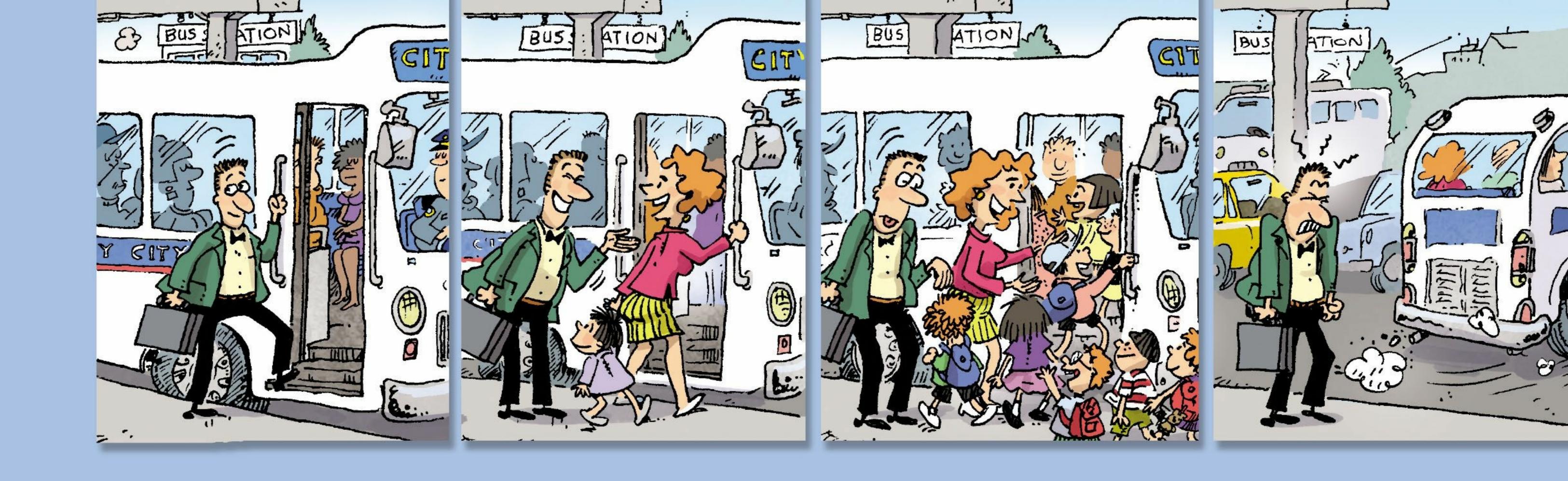
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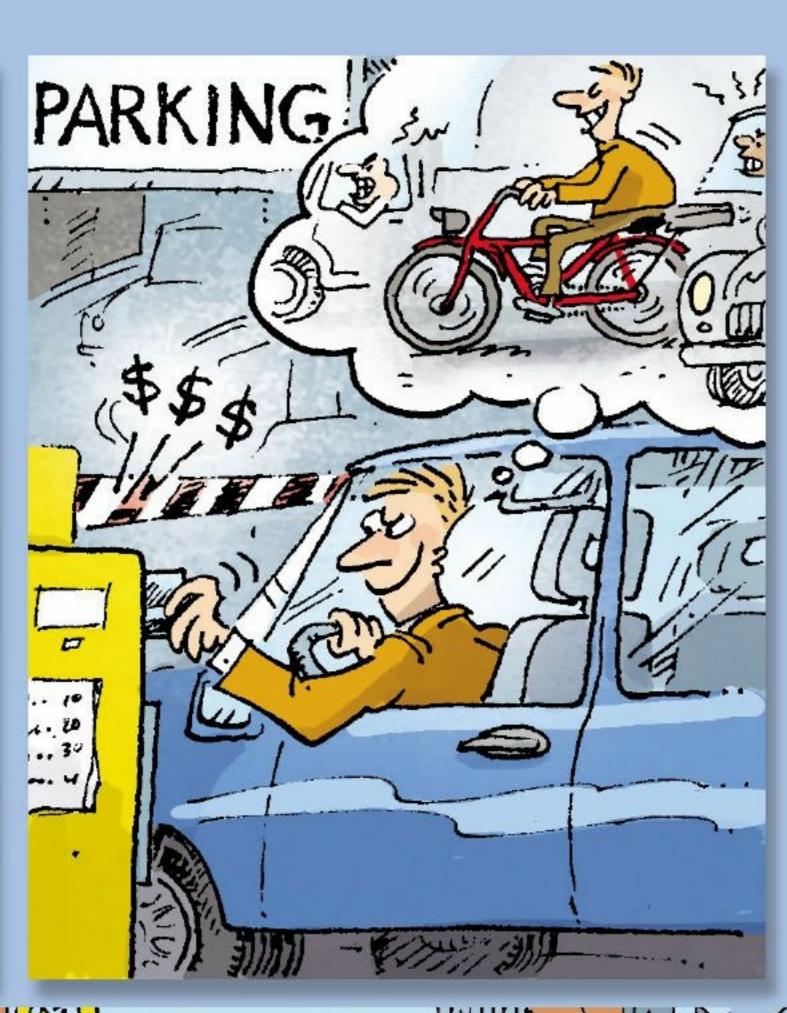


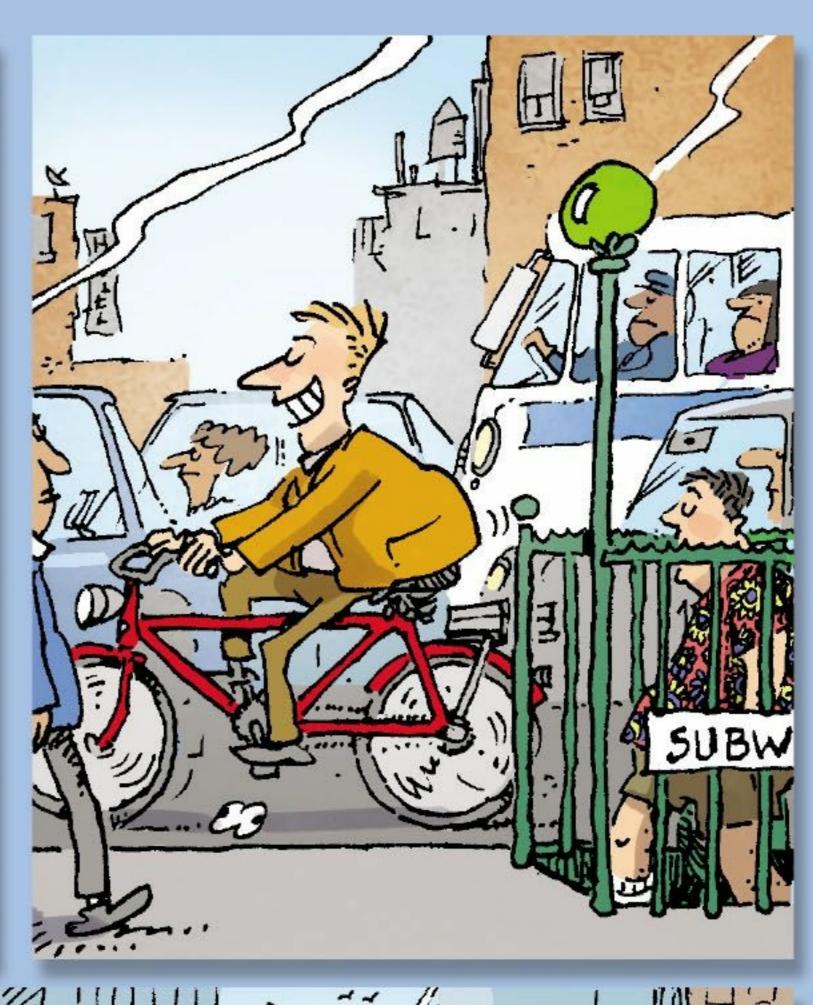




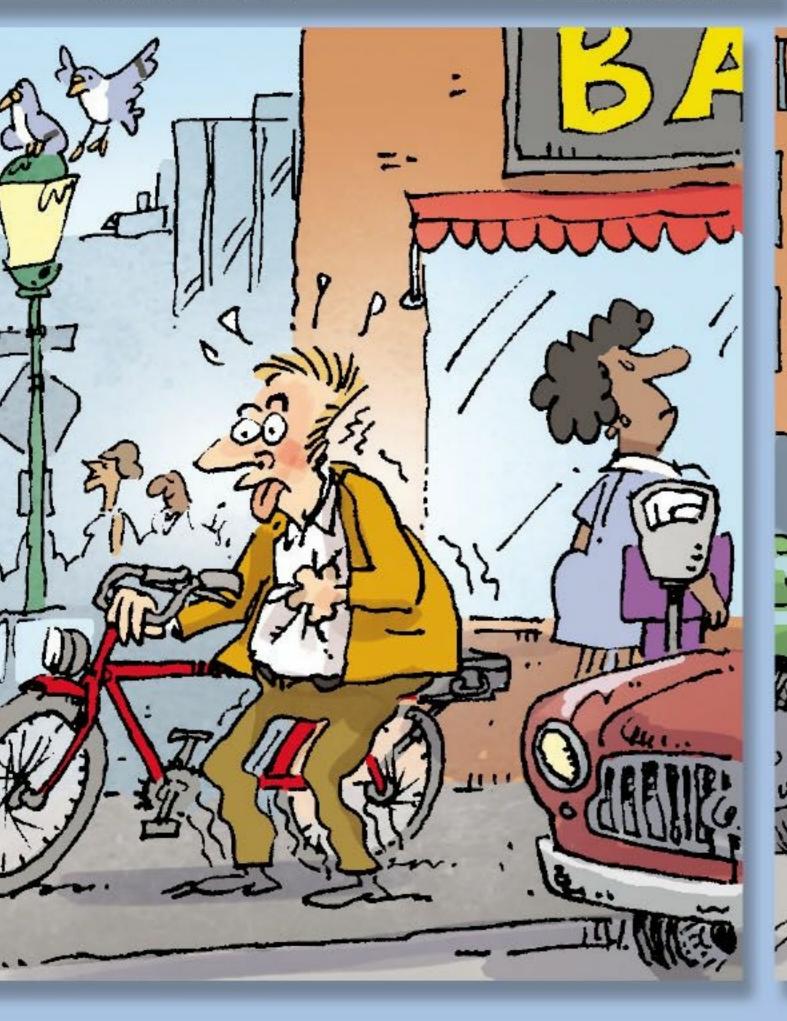








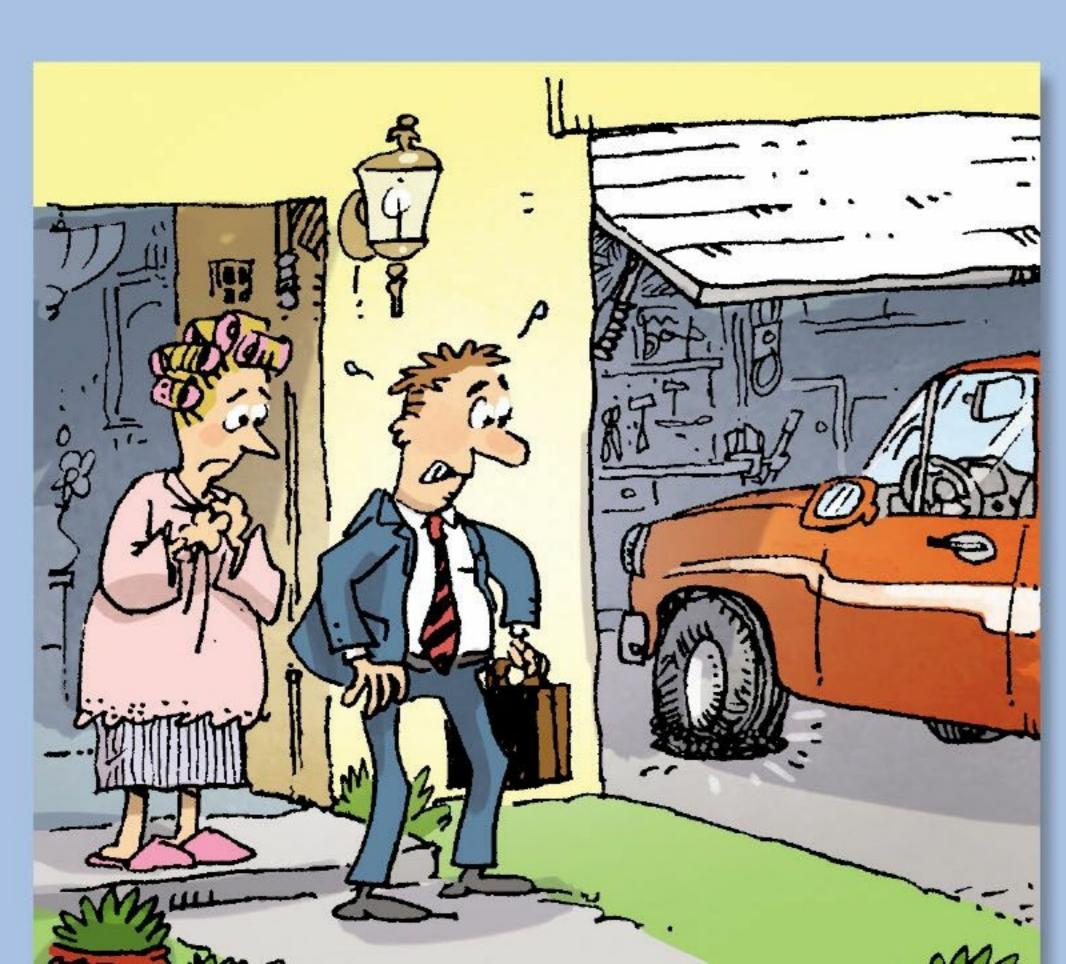


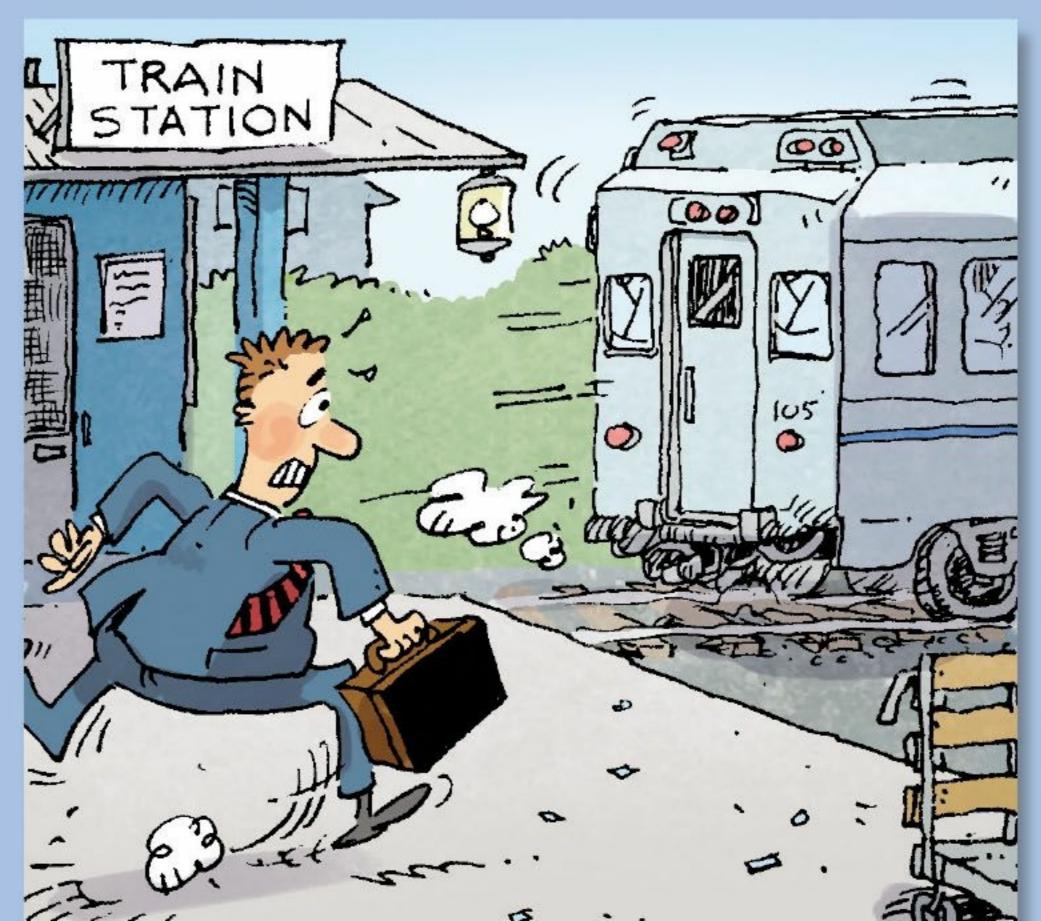






















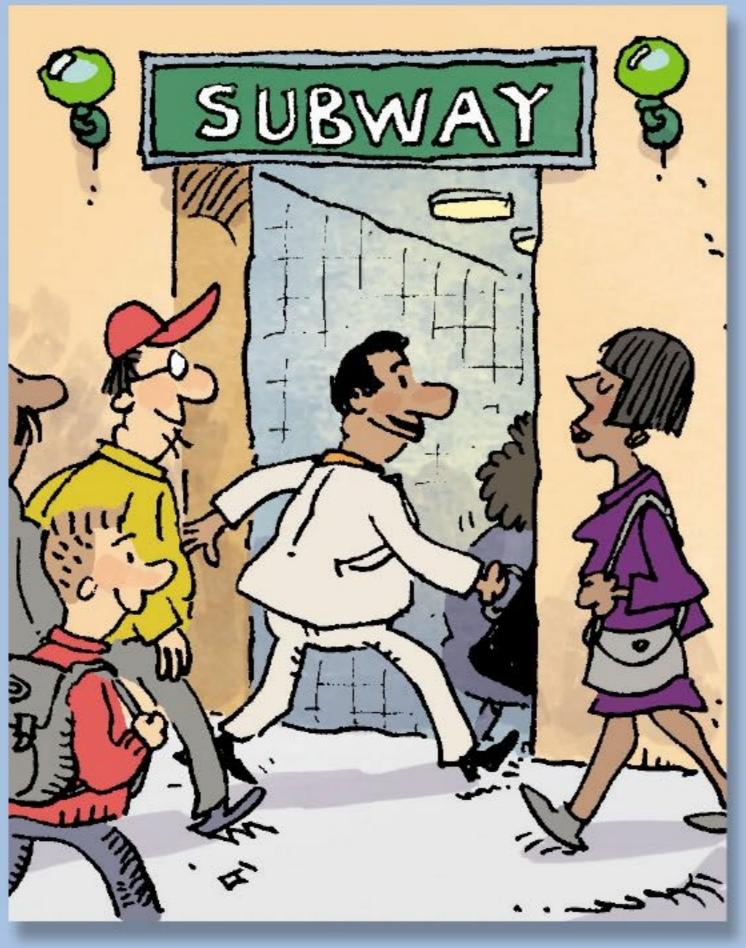






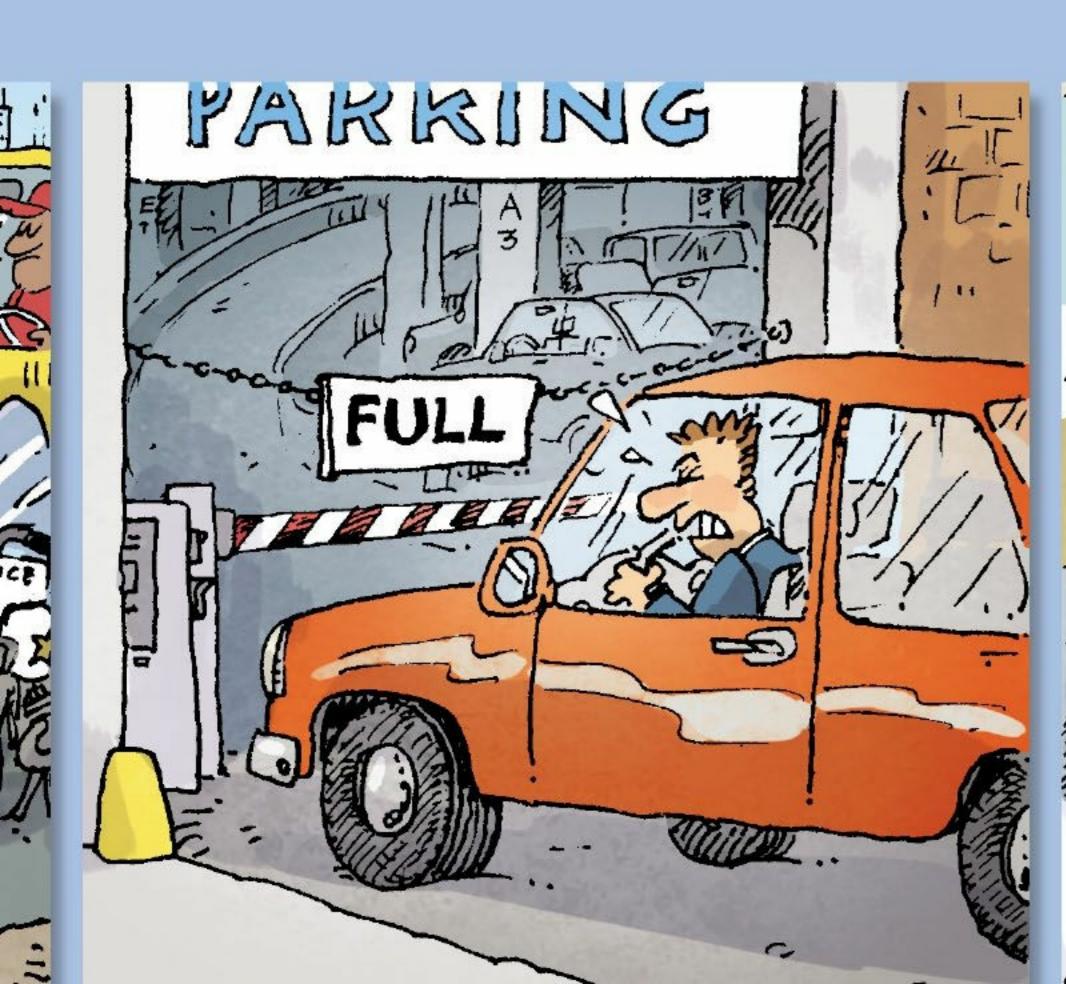








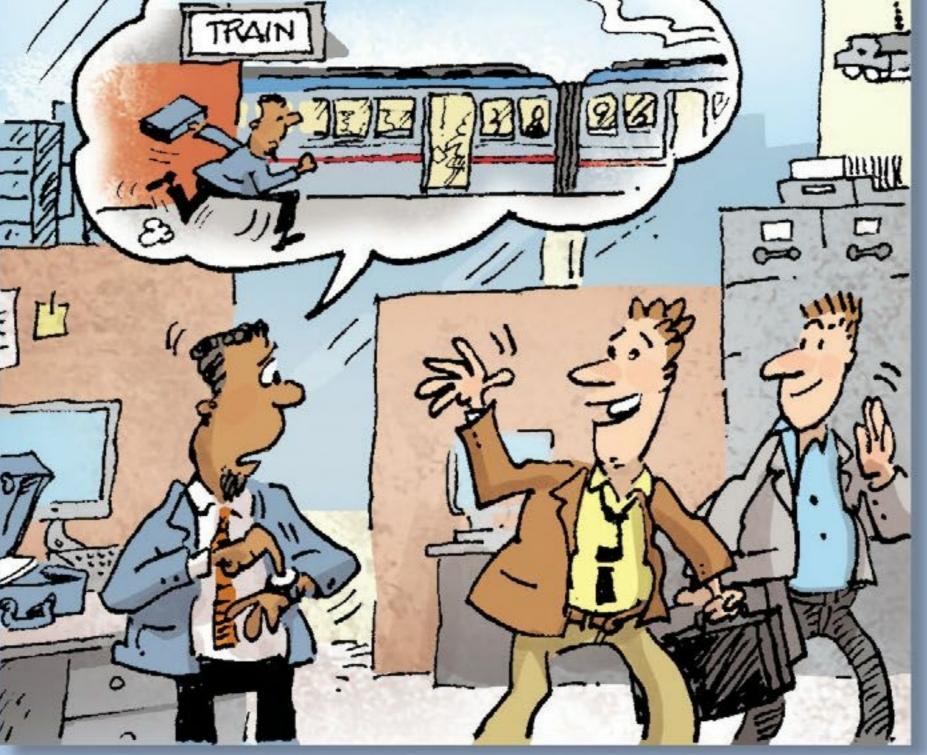










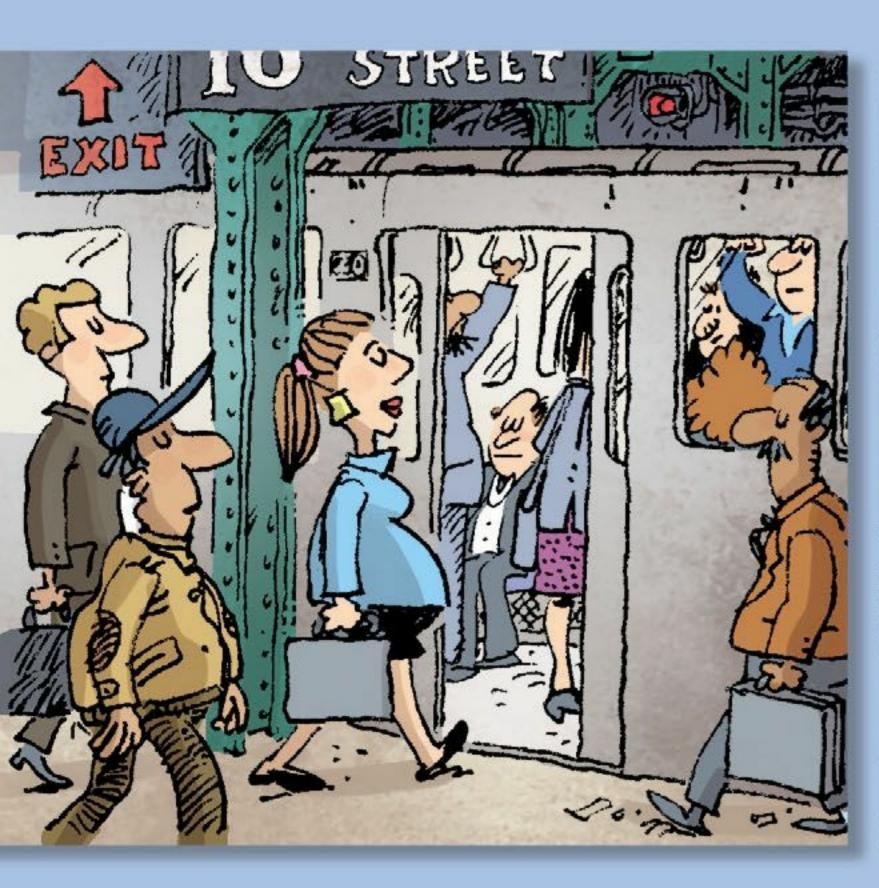




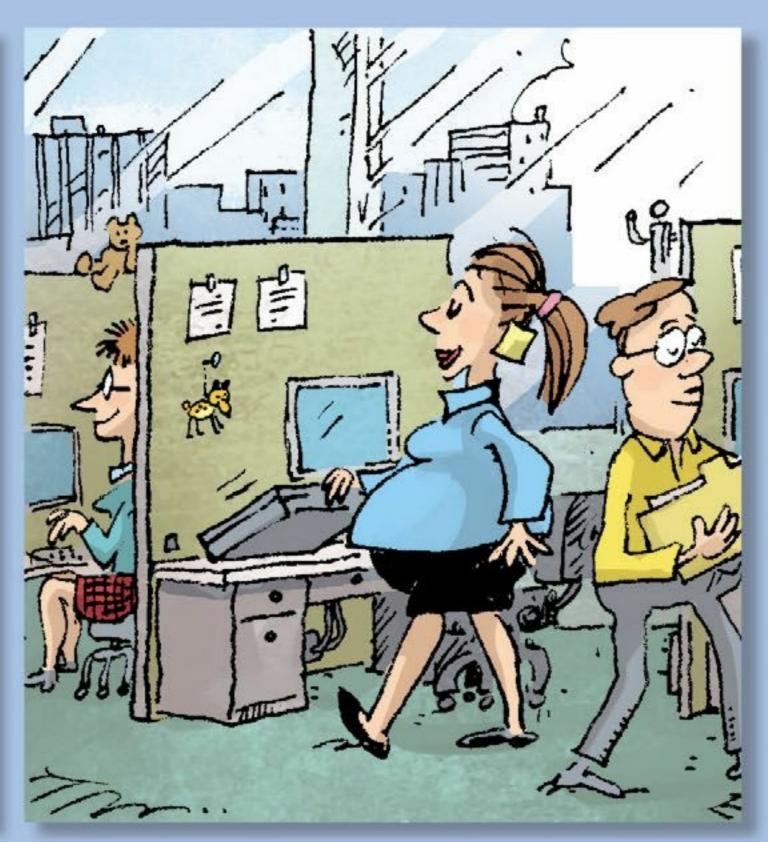














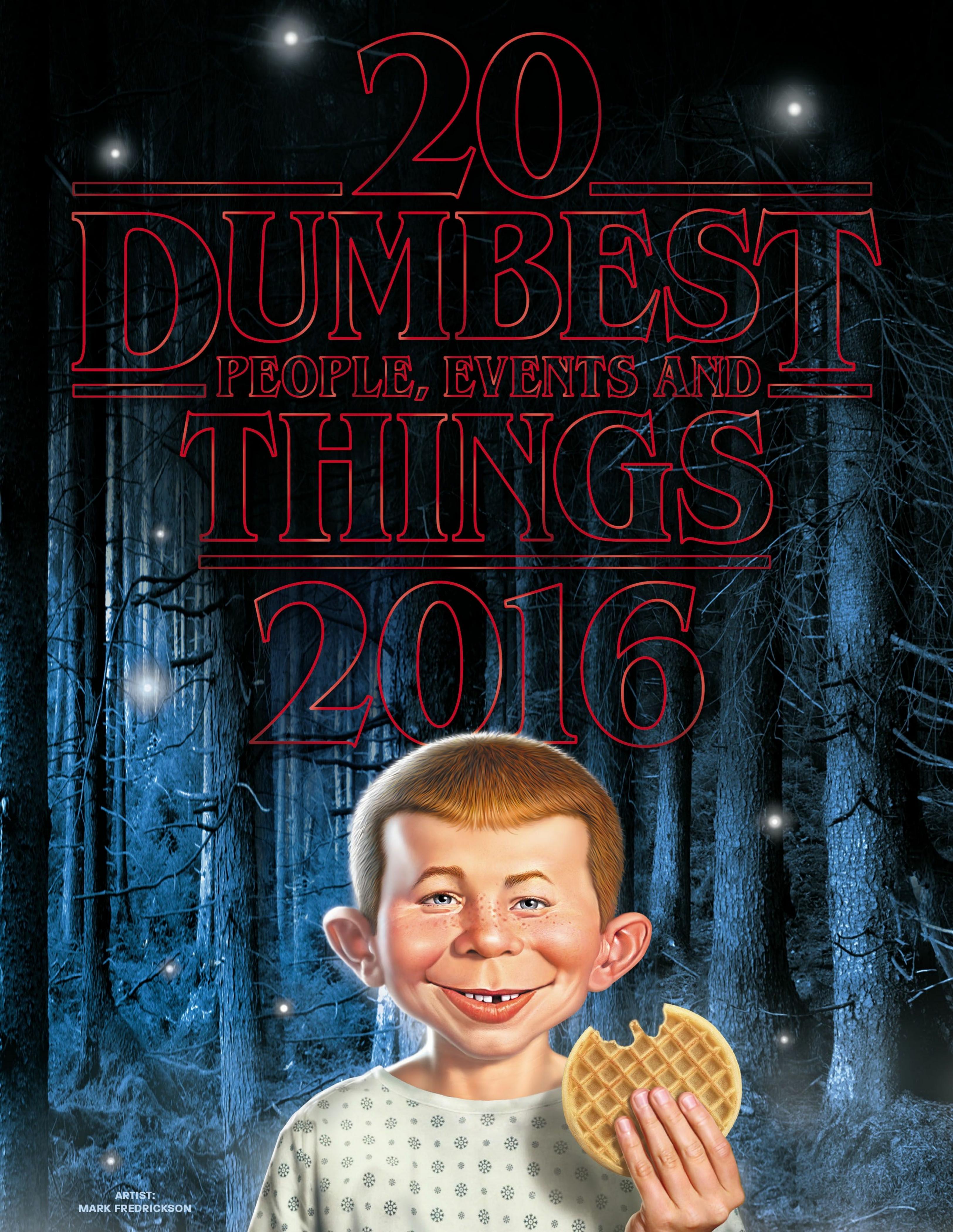














## THE DONALD TRUMP RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY A CANDIDATE THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

After eight years of the Obama Administration, everyone knew that 2016 would be a pivotal year, filled with discussion about how the next President might change things. And Donald Trump HAS changed things. He changed political debates into name-calling schoolyard brawls. He pioneered the fact-free campaign. He managed to combine the ideas of the crazy-homeless-guy-shouting-at-the-bus-station with the measured, nuanced delivery of the crazy-uncle-ranting-at-the-Thanksgiving-table. His shocking victory was a nauseating validation of his soul-crushingly noxious campaign — and whether you thought he was a monster or a hero, he couldn't be ignored, and, unfortunately, won't soon be forgotten.

Donald Trump was an obnoxiously rich reality-TV jackass until he became...



THE UNCHECKED EGO OF A SOCIOPATH IN ASSOCIATION WITH A DECADE OF THE GOP PANDERING TO ITS WORST FACTIONS PRESENTS THE TOXIC CONTENDER STARRING MISOGYNY, XENOPHOBIA, RACISM AND FEAR-MONGERING AS "THE HORRIFYING PERSONALITY DISORDER"



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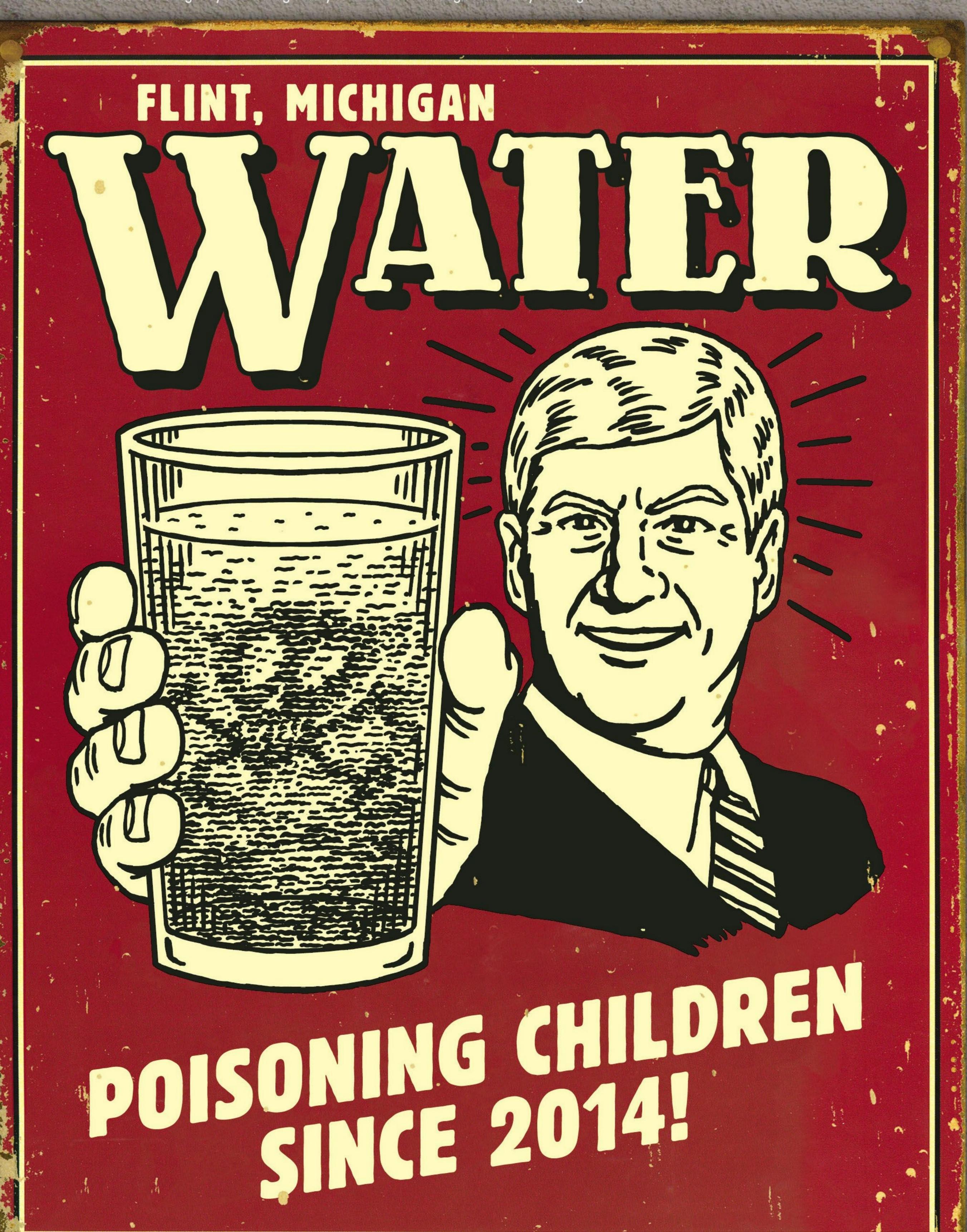
One of history's great unanswered questions is "Why didn't Hillary leave Bill when she found out he was boinking the intern (among others)?" It took us 25 years, but we may finally have the answer: they have too much in common to ever be apart. Bill lied about sex, Hillary lied about Benghazi. Bill lied about sex, Hillary lied about sex, Hillary lied about her Wall Street speeches. But then the two lovebirds came up with something they could lie about together — The Clinton Foundation and its suspicious fundraising practices. Watergate's Deep Throat famously told Bob Woodward that to get to the bottom of Nixon's shady dealings he needed to "Follow the money." That's probably good advice when it comes to the Clinton Foundation as well. But if you do decide to follow the money, be prepared to descend down into the sleazy, backroom-dealing, quid-pro-quo, fetid cesspool that by many accounts is the Clinton Foundation. Hey, to expect anything less from Bill and Hillary would be, well, just dumb.





## FLINT, MICHIGAN'S TOXIC WATER THE FAUCET'S WRONG WITH THIS ONE

When it comes to clueless, incompetent and callously indifferent politicians, Governor Rick Snyder of Michigan truly sank to new lows this year. Unfortunately, the lows he sank to weren't at the bottom of a contaminated body of water in Flint. Back in 2014, one of Snyder's lackeys switched Flint's water supply from the Detroit system to the Flint River in order to save a few bucks. When residents complained of toxic brown sludge flowing from corroded faucets, Snyder did nothing while his constituents suffered hair loss, rashes, E. coli infections and Legionnaires' disease. Hell, the GM plant in Flint even stopped using the water because it was corroding car parts! Officials begged Snyder to help fix the problem, but it took him eight months to even visit Flint and a full year to declare a state of emergency. It's a tough story to swallow — though not nearly as tough as the water in Flint.

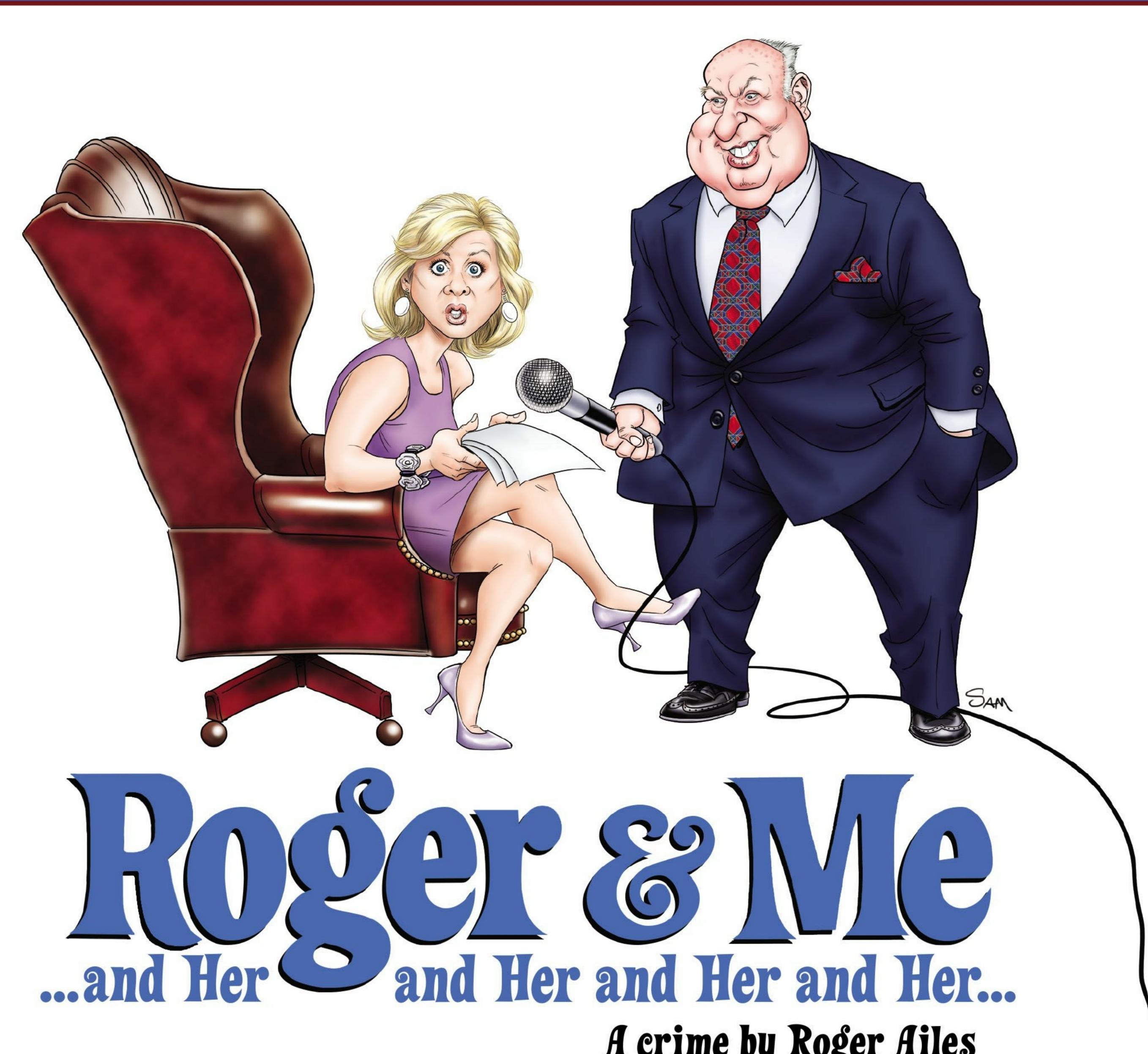


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#### FOX NEWS' ROGER AILES TROUBLE WITH THE PERV

The new Fox News slogan should be "We report, you decide...how big of a serial sexual harasser Roger Ailes is." The ultra-right wing media king-maker proved no match for long-time Fox News host Gretchen Carlson, who sued Ailes for not renewing her contract after she rebuffed his disgusting sexual advances. Ailes denied all charges and then, like all innocent men, settled the case for \$20 million. But there was good news for Ailes — soon after he got fired, he landed a job with Donald Trump! And as we know, "nobody respects women" more than he does (see page 37).



A crime by Roger Ailes

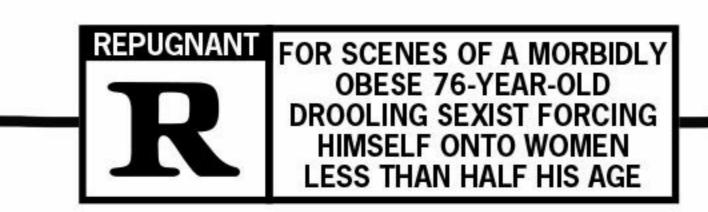
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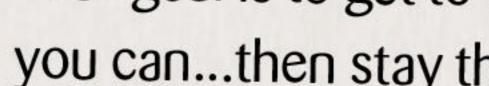


#### CLIVEN BUNDY'S SONS LAY SIEGE TO WILDLIFE REFUGE A TALE OF TWO SH\*TTIES

The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry — so imagine how badly things can go when you don't even HAVE a plan! Just ask Ammon Bundy! He wanted the government to give federal land back to the individual states — a complex issue that requires a nuanced, measured solution. So, naturally, his approach was to get a bunch of friends, a lot of guns and take over a national wildlife refuge! Believe it or not, it actually got dumber from there. Over the next three weeks, they continued their armed occupation (while dangerously low on snacks!), held press conferences, made demands and...surrendered. Pretty dumb — but that's STILL not even the dumbest part! In the end, Bundy and his militants were tried and found not guilty! Bundy may not have gotten everything he wanted — but he definitely got better than he deserved.







**OBJECT OF THE GAME** 

Your goal is to get to Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge as fast as you can...then stay there for weeks on end while you figure out what to do next! But when the government won't meet your vague, pie-in-the sky demands, you have to escape despite not having an exit strategy. Or any strategy at all!



Move your piece along the exciting path of Ammon Bundy and the gang as they try to get back what was never rightfully theirs!

- Scamper through the Blazing Fields of Arson
- Rally your militia in the First Amendment Forest!
- Pass through the Snack-less Desert of Doom!
- Wade into the Lagoon of Incoherent Press Conferences!
- Slog through the Swamp of Pointless Negotiations!

#### **HOW TO WIN**

The winner is the first person who cuts a deal with the authorities and gets to go back to working at the feed store, instead of heading to prison!





#### RYAN LOCHTE'S "MUGGING" OLYMPIC VILLAGE IDIOT

Never give up. Never quit. Never accept defeat. Great advice if you're an Olympic athlete. Not such great advice if you're in over your head with a flimsy story about a phony robbery. During the Summer Olympics, Ryan Lochte told *The Today Show*'s Billy Bush (yes, that Billy Bush!) that men impersonating police had put a gun to his head and demanded his money. It was a sad story that confirmed everyone's worst fears about Brazil. Except there was one tiny wrinkle: it was entirely untrue! Lochte and his teammates had vandalized a gas station and were then forced by security guards to pay for the damages. It was still a sad story, confirming everyone's worst fears about Lochte's stupidity.

## RYANLOCHTE

THE EMBARRASSING TRUTH BEHIND THE BOOZE-FUELED DEBACLE AT THE OLYMPICS



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#### WELLS FARGO BANK BEWARE OF FALSE PROFITS

In September, Wells Fargo Bank was ordered to pay a \$185 million fine for encouraging employees to open multiple accounts for customers without their knowledge, in a scheme to raise the company's stock price. It was bank robbery, only in reverse. Many were fired, but it took a public humiliation from Senator Elizabeth Warren to get Wells Fargo's CEO, John Stumpf, to throw in the (designer, 600-thread-count Egyptian cotton) towel and walk away with a piddling \$120 million in career compensation. (We don't know how many accounts he keeps that money in, though.) Years ago, a guy named Willie Sutton said he robbed banks because "That's where the money is." If Sutton were alive today, he wouldn't need a tommy gun to steal people's money — just a job at Wells Fargo.

## To Wells Fargo customers: Our commitment to you



We wanted to satisfy our financial needs and succeed financially.

Recently, we at Wells Fargo reached settlements with several government agencies (the same ones we regularly lobby Congress to abolish) over allegations that we opened savings and credit accounts for customers without their knowledge or approval — you know, identity theft.

We truly regret our "error" and take full responsibility. So we're making some big, exciting improvements, including:

- Firing thousands of low-level bank employees who were acting on the orders of Carrie Tolstedt, the top executive behind this scam. Our valued customers will be pleased to know that Ms.
   Tolstedt's retirement package was strictly capped at \$125 million and not a penny more.
- Sending an automated email to every customer's spam folder, alerting them of whenever we are stealing money from their accounts.
- Sending out an application-acknowledgement letter after submitting an application for a credit card, either to the customer or to the Wells Fargo employee pretending to be the customer.
- Last but not least, there is our booklet, *The Vision & Values of Wells Fargo*, which we share with every single employee. It contains our altruistic mission statement which, apparently, is followed less often than the "All Employees Must Wash Hands" sign in the bathroom of your neighborhood Thai joint.

As always, if you are not happy with your account, we will make it very hard for you to close it. Besides, what's the point of transferring your money to another humongous bank which is doing the exact same thing we are but hasn't been caught yet? Wells Fargo's journey began in 1852 and now includes more than 250,000 team members united in preserving those 1852 "Wild West, anything goes" values to maintain our stock price, all while telling you how much we value your confidence and trust. Every day, we strive to get things right for you 100%, no matter how many false accounts we claim you opened.

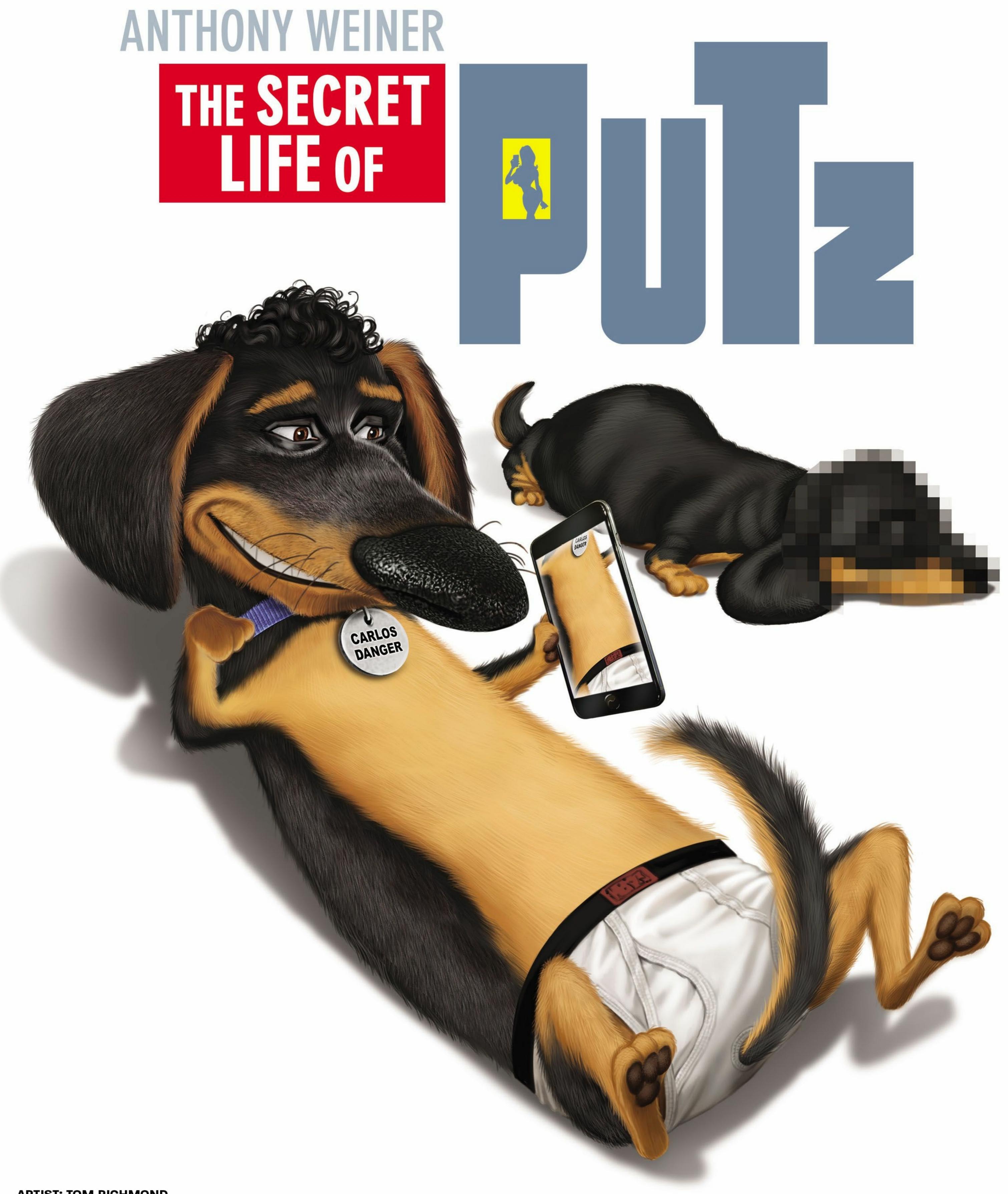
Together we'll go far — but not to jail





## ANTHONY WEINER SEXT SCANDAL (CONTINUED) FOR HUMA THE BELL TOLLS

Anthony Weiner, the disgraced, former rising star of the Democratic Party, has once again fallen on \*ahem\* hard times. In 2011, he resigned from Congress over a sexting scandal. Then, during his comeback in 2013, he dropped out of the New York City mayoral race because of *another* sexting scandal. So when Weiner was in the news again this year, you can probably guess what it was for. Weiner had sent more sexy photos of himself (this time with his sleeping toddler next to him in bed). He was also allegedly sexting with a 15-year-old. It's a cliché to say all men are dogs — but some of them probably *should* be neutered.

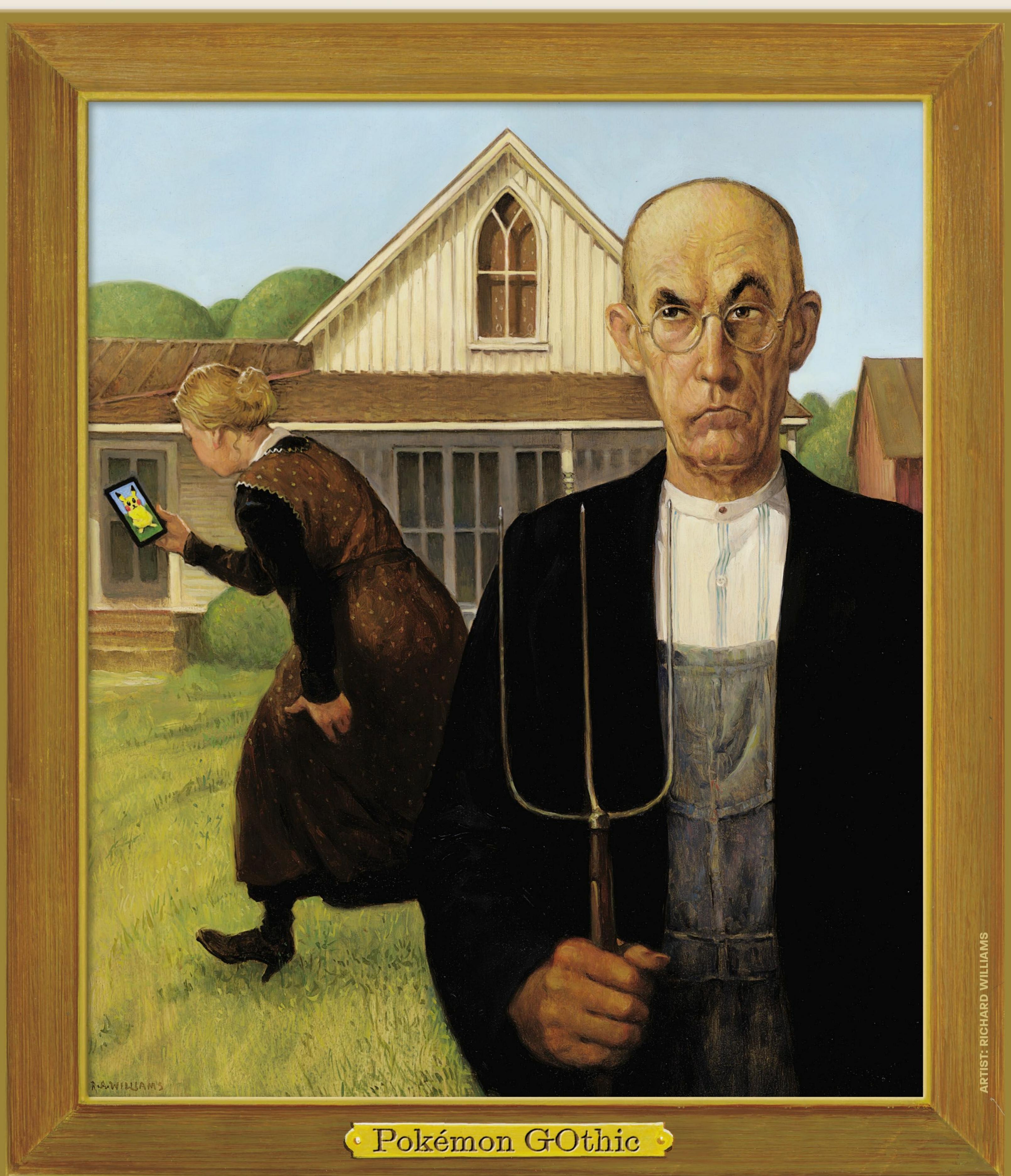


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#### POKÉMON GO APP TO MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF

TMobile technology has brought us many wonders: connection to anyone, anywhere; GPS that ensures we'll almost never get lost; an endless choice of games to liven up any church service or court hearing. In 2016, all three were mashed up in "Pokémon Go," the sadistically addictive critter-hunting game that instantly transfixed huge swaths of the formerly sentient public. Sure, its players were involved in car wrecks, muggings, and in one California case, a 90-foot plunge from an ocean cliff (the moron didn't die, but, sadly, we hear his iPhone screen got dinged). But none of that kept countless Americans from doing the impossible — walking around with their faces glued to their phones AND with their heads up their own butts!







# EPIPEN'S PRICE-GOUGING LIVING LARGE AND FAKING CHARGE

When it comes to greed in the pharmaceutical business, it's hard to top former Turing CEO Martin Shkreli in the "soulless, grubby sociopath" department. But Mylan head Heather Bresch did just that in 2016, becoming the industry's latest face of drooling greed as her company boosted the price of its EpiPens by 500% in just seven years. Like Shkreli, she seems to have a severe allergic reaction to responsible, compassionate corporate behavior. So, in addition to her multi-million dollar salary, Bresch earned something else — near-universal public outrage. In response, an exasperated Bresch told Congress, "We never intended this." Sure, Heather. You just followed all the steps to turn a couple of cents' worth of medicine into absolutely killer profits.

# Instructions for EPIPEN Abuse

Brought to you by Heather Bresch, Mylan Pharmaceuticals CEO

# STEP

Purchase rights
from Merck to
produce EpiPen;
immediately
begin jacking
up the
medication's
price



# STFP 2

Continue raising prices every few years until your sick and needy customers are paying \$300 for \$10 worth of medicine



# STEP 3

When sales hit \$1.5 billion, reward yourself with an \$18 million bonus



# STEP 4

As worldwide outrage finally mounts, feign innocence and frustration



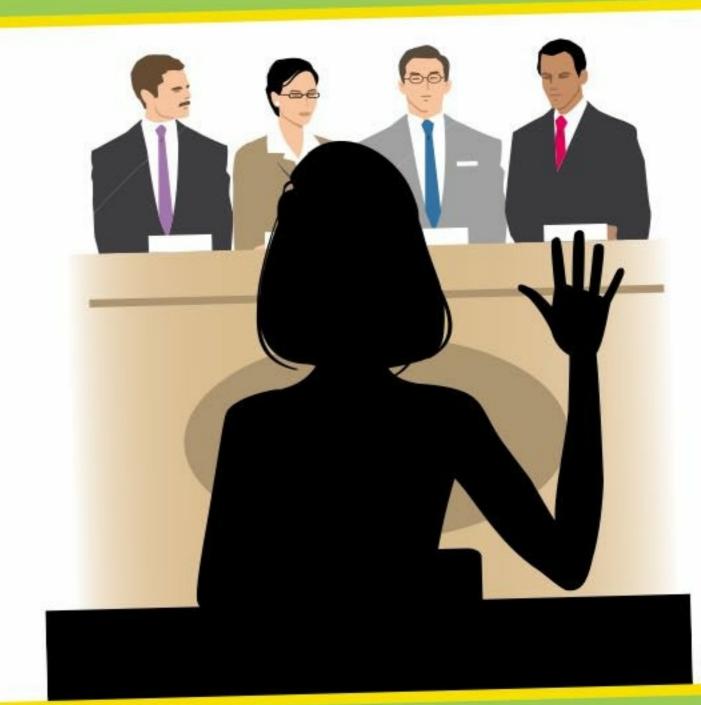
# STEP 5

Offer \$300 savings cards to miniscule number of customers in lame attempt to silence critics



# STFP 6

Tell congress that your sociopathic price-gouging is "fair" with a completely straight face



# STFP 7

Sigh with relief as the public finally gets bored, moves on to a new scandal



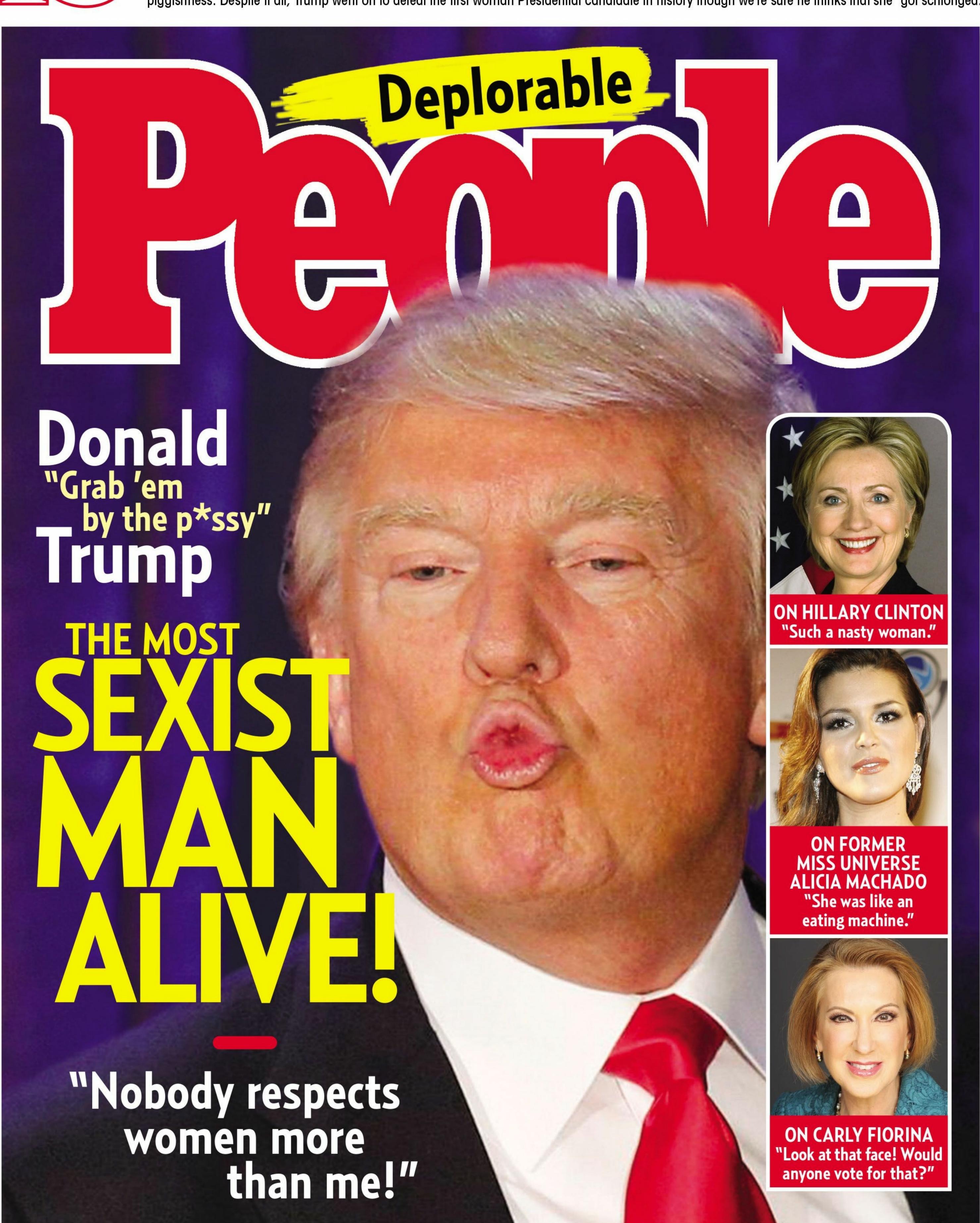
# STEP 8

After a proper length of time has passed, repeat Steps 2 through 7



# DONALD TRUMP'S MISOGYNY THE PIGGISH LOSER

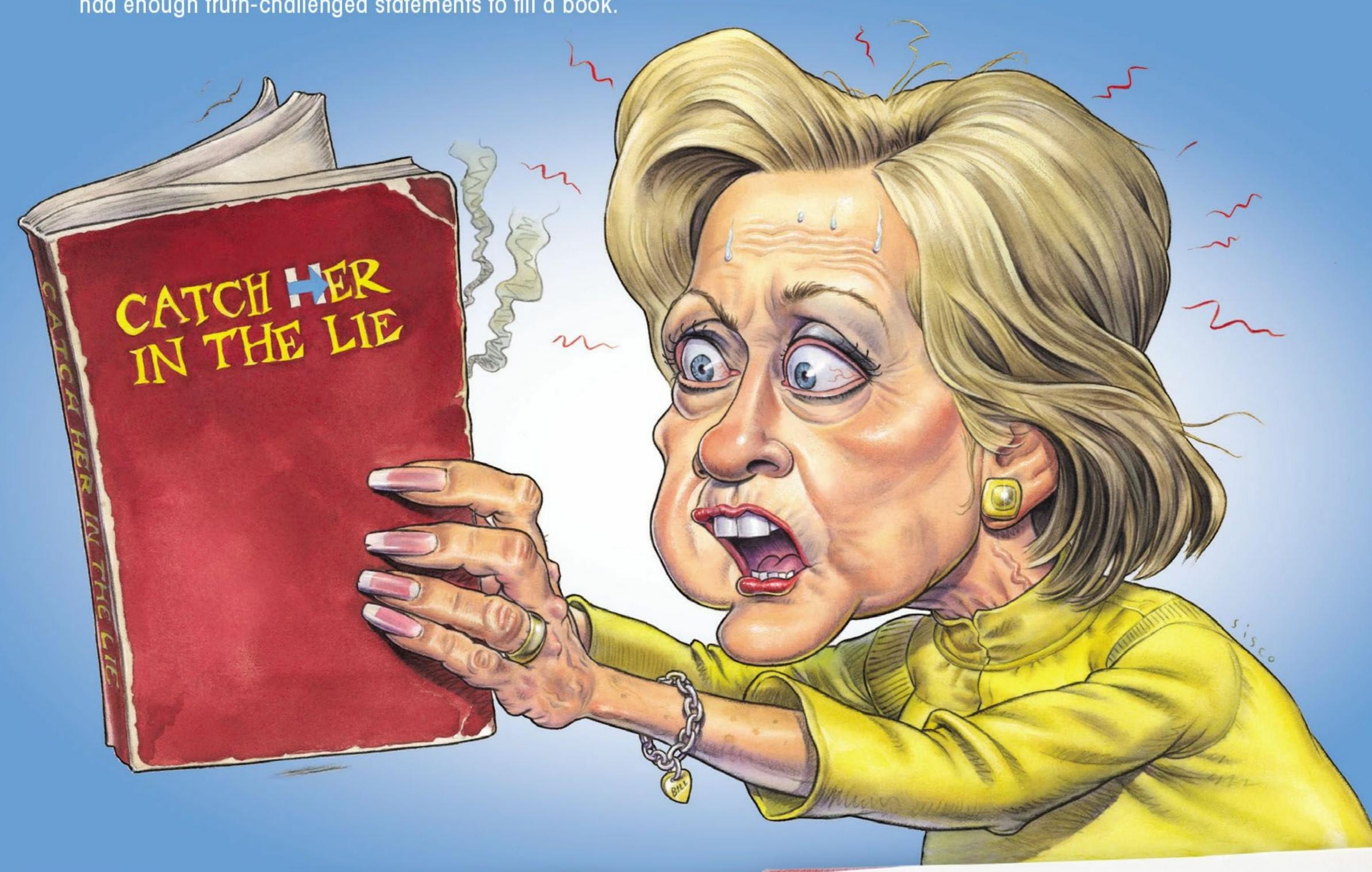
Donald Trump has said more hateful things about women than any fat, pathetic, blubbering, megalomaniacal male chauvinist in history, at least in public. In private, he's rivaled by Roger Ailes (see page 27). During the campaign, Trump erupted with despicable misogynistic comments with the frequency of a Yellowstone geyser. After a video was released of him boasting about being a sexual predator, 12 women came forward to confirm his sickening behavior. His flaccid defense — that his accusers weren't good-looking enough for him to grope — offered even further proof of his poisonous piggishness. Despite it all, Trump went on to defeat the first woman Presidential candidate in history though we're sure he thinks that she "got schlonged."





# HILLARY'S EMAIL DEBACLE DELETES OF HER WORRIES

Hillary Clinton's entire campaign was based on her boasts of having 30 years of experience and good judgment. Which begs the question: how could she do something as dumb as setting up a personal email server for professional correspondence and think that it was legal or ethical? And how dumb was she to think that she could get away with it with Republicans watching her more closely than an adolescent boy watches his first porno? And how dumb did she think the American people are that she could blatantly lie over and over again when questioned about it? If there was a Hillary Clinton/lying drinking game, half of America would've been too blackout drunk to even vote. By the time Hillary lost the election, she had enough truth-challenged statements to fill a book.



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So I guess you want me to talk about Benghazi phone calls and slush funds and secret donor meetings and bimbo shaming and speaking fees and screwing over Bernie and WikiLeaks and all that Edward Snowden you-scratch-my-back gmail crap, but I don't feel like going into it without a subpoena, if you want to know the truth.

Besides, this isn't my goddam autobiography or anything. I'm trying to tell you about Hillary Clinton. Ever since old Hillary decided she was going to be President, which was about a hundred years ago, the Republican attack dogs have been giving her the business. She certainly hasn't gotten the gentle First Lady treatment, that's for damn sure.

The thing is, every First Lady is supposed to pick a personal pet issue. It's supposed to make them warm and relatable and all that corny junk that makes me want to puke. Besides, I doubt you

could warm up Hillary with a blowtorch. So anyway, Michelle Obama said kids should eat more salad. Laura Bush controversially supported reading. Lady Bird Johnson was boldly against littering.

When First Lady Hillary heard *that*, she said, "How about if I restructure the entire healthcare mega-system of America?" Well, the whole rightwing apparatus just about hit the roof. "How about instead, we spend the next two decades trying to destroy you politically and personally?" they said. *Diligent* bastards. She should have picked something like planting flowers, or smiling at babies. She really should've.

That wasn't the end, though, not even close. After that, they all just about broke their necks accusing her of insider trading and murder and calling Chelsea illegitimate and trying to give her horny husband the old boot. It depressed holy hell out of me, if you want to know the truth. Bill and Hillary are the only people who have been cursed and attacked every day since the early 1990s. Yet they keep right on surviving, just to spite the morons. Well, them and Jerry Springer.

That's off topic, though. Changing the subject is a habit of mine, I admit it. Like the way Hillary talks sideways whenever someone grills her about her big-money speeches to Goldman Sachs, or the phony Trans-Pacific Partnership swindle, and she says crap like "The American people are tired of distractions. The American people want us to have a conversation about the future." Didja ever notice that those so-called conversations always have one person talking, and the American people have to shut up and listen? Like this book.

Anyway, let me tell you about all this madman stuff that happened just before this stinking election. Like every one of the last twenty elections, it was the most important one of our lifetimes. 2008 was also *supposed* to be the most important election of our lifetimes for Hillary, but the voters went and picked Barack Obama. After she lost, Hillary went on TV and smiled and told everyone what a goddam *prince* old Barack Obama was, but if you looked at the big red vein in her neck, you were just waiting for it to explode and start swinging around like mad, like a goddam fire hose spraying angry blood all over America.

She didn't quit, though. She had a plan. Outsmart 'em, boy. Before the 2016 election, Hillary decided to hide *all* of her emails on a private server in a bathroom that nobody could ever get into. Nobody but herself, the email recipients and any 14-year-old with a port scanner.

She was probably positive her gorgeous plan would work to perfection, and that her emails would stay secret. It was a perfect plan too, if you assume the Republicans would suddenly decide to stop doing what they've been doing to her every day for 20 consecutive years at the exact moment they had their last chance to stop her from becoming President. Another big key in the plan she cooked up is that she was counting on nobody wondering why she had zero emails in four years as Secretary of State. Thinking back on that master strategy now, maybe Trump's right and she really *is* dying of brain damage.

The trouble was, approximately two seconds later everybody found out about the server. But even though she might not be so hot at secret plans, Hillary is *terrific* at alibis. She's the Alibi Queen,

buddy. "What you need to know is that at no point did I ever send classified material through my server," she said. "Never ever. Not once," she said. She said she takes cybersecurity very seriously. I bet she learned that from her husband. I bet every time she walks into Bill's office, he's right in the middle of clearing his browser history.

Besides, I saw on the news when those phony hot shots in Congress sent Hillary their putrid warrant. What lousy luck. The bad timing of it was unbelievable. It was literally the day after she'd accidentally unscrewed the back of each of her server banks and accidentally poured bleach and acid inside them and then mistakenly demolished them with a jackhammer. The coincidence kills me, it really does. If only they'd subpoenaed her on Tuesday. And I'm not just saying that because I'm a spoiled New York City Upper West Side prep kid in a voting district that's 109% Democratic.

So the server scandal was a crummy break, but Hillary went on CNN with her serious face and said, "I made a mistake, and I've accepted responsibility." Then she went on NBC and said, "I made a mistake,

and I've accepted responsibility." Then she did the debates with Donald Trump and said, "I made a mistake, and I've accepted responsibility." She probably feeds the cat and tells him, "I made a mistake, and I've accepted responsibility." What that line *means*, I have no idea. But it's very responsible.

Anyway, why dwell on the sordid past? Hillary's whole focus now is on applying herself to becoming the greatest President since Abraham Lincoln. Good old Honest Abe. Judging by how politics are today, I assume people called him "Honest Abe" because he was never indicted. But Hillary's got him beat. She hasn't been indicted at least *five different times*.

And I'm pretty sure it's going to be a helluva lot more than five before she's done. Never look ahead, though. The future is depressing as hell. And you're never going to know the truth, if you want to know the truth.



# GARY JOHNSON STUMPED BY EASY QUESTIONS INFO A RUDE AWAKENING

Legend has it that a grammar school teacher once asked the class, "Where are the Great Plains?" To which a smartass in the back yelled out, "At the great airport!" Funny! But it's grammar school — nobody knows nothing yet. But you kind of hope that by the time someone is 63 years old, has been a two-time governor and has been chosen as the leader of his political party, seeking the Presidency of the United States, he would know something about the free world he wants to lead. Eh, maybe we're asking for too much from Gary Johnson. Knowing stuff is hard. And besides, being a true Libertarian means you want to maximize autonomy and freedom of choice. And it appears Johnson wants autonomy from knowledge and has chosen to be really, really dumb.

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Play along to see if YOU have what it takes to be an unqualified election spoiler!

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Where is Washington
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Spell "unelectable."

Whoever answers the most questions incorrectly — or better yet, with just a blank stare — wins! (The game, not the election.)



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RELEASED NATIONWIDE (UNLIKE TRUMP'S TAX RETURNS)

# EXPLODING SAMSUNG PHONES BONFIRE OF THE GALAXIES

In recent years, Samsung has transformed itself from a maker of crappy cassette decks into a serious Apple rival, with a valuation higher than that of Microsoft or GM. But all of that literally went up in smoke in October when its much-hyped Galaxy Note 7 smartphones began detonating like appfilled grenades. Samsung dithered, first issuing a recall, then sending out replacements which they claimed to be safe. Well, liar, liar smartphone on fire! The replacement phones *also* went kablooey. The suddenly-faltering company never quite nailed down the problem's cause, but one thing is for sure: this debacle will haunt the company for many years to come, like a bad Drake song.

# HOT PHONE RING

(Sung to the tune of "Hotline Bling" by Drake)

I used to try to use my —
I used to, I used to — yeah!

I tried to use my Samsung cell phone
Wanted just to call my mom
Suddenly my cellphone
Blew up like it was a bomb

I didn't even dial the thing
When my hand began to sting
Now I have to wear a sling
Got burnt with my hot phone ring

It exploded for no reason, ouch!

And my hand and arm were feeling

quite raw

Used to have five fingers, now I got four And my ear was lying flat on the floor; I knew I had to find a doctor SOON! Grabbed my ear and jumped into my friend's car

Drove for half an hour to the ER

Doctors handed me my nose inside a jar

Samsung gave me another cell phone
It was safe I was assured
Turned out to be a hell phone
Blew up like a hoverboard

Suddenly I felt the heat
Then the smell of burning meat
Was on fire, head to feet
Drop-and-rolling in the street

Had it in my pocket and then
FLICK BANG BOOM!
My shorts lit like a funeral pyre
It made me feel like I would expire
My butt hot as a kitchen fryer

So I'm back here in the waiting room
Praying the doctors save my buttcrack
Scorched my sphincter, singed
my ballsack
And my pubes are toast, my taint
is crisp and black

Samsung gave me
another cellphone
They said the third time's a charm
But that faulty cellphone
It blew up and caused me harm

Every time it starts to ring
Instantly I'm suffering
Even when I'm just texting
My cellphone starts exploding

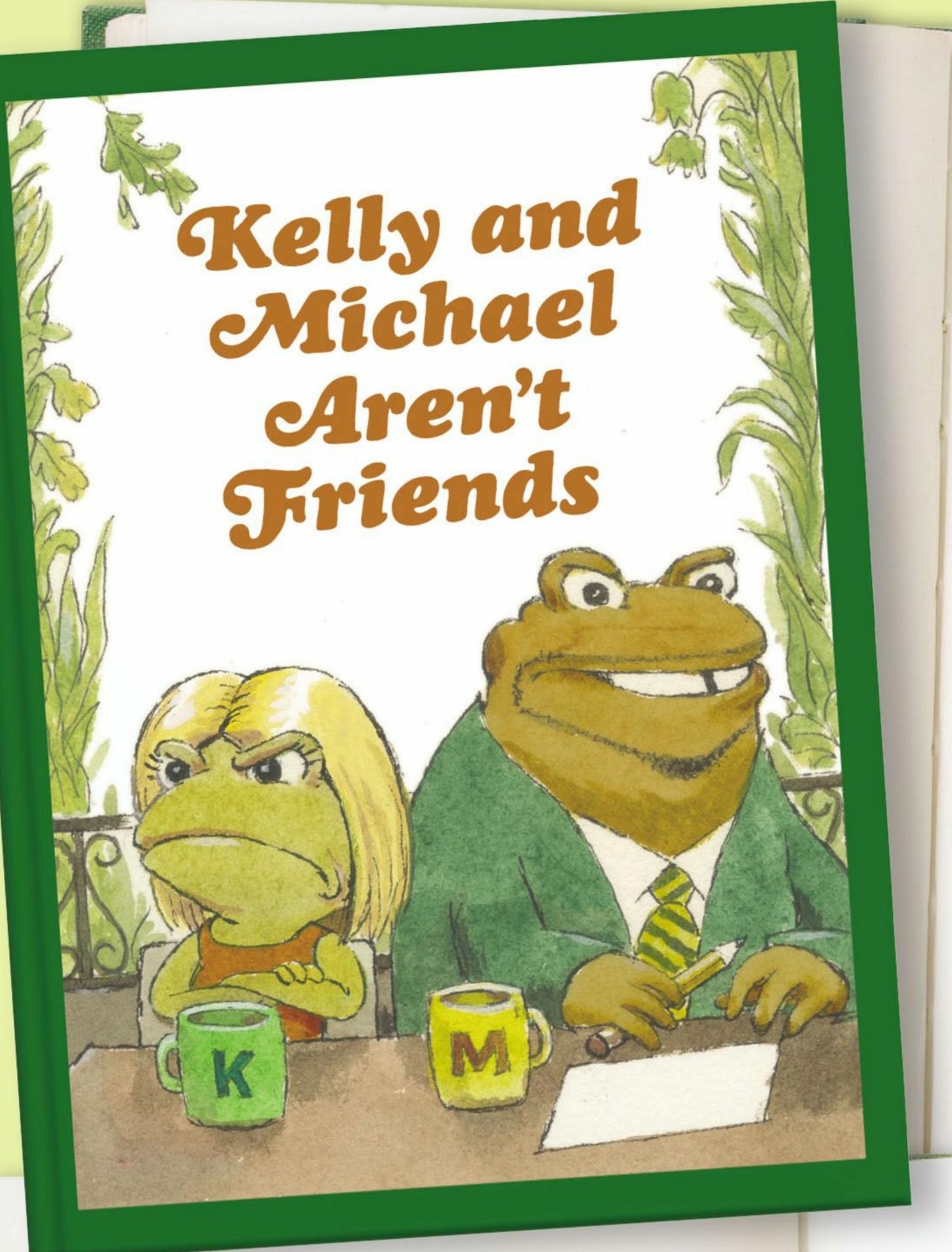






# MICHAEL STRAHAN BOLTS FOR GMA KELLY'S BLUE BOOK

On Live with Kelly and Michael, Michael Strahan and Kelly Ripa were known for having a fun, breezy chemistry — so it was easy to forget that, basically, they were just coworkers. And, like most coworkers, deep down, they really hated each other! Still, whether her reasons were personal or professional, when Michael announced he was leaving their show to be on Good Morning America, Kelly was not happy. And just like that, their sham, manufactured-for-the-cameras friendship was over! A true friendship withstands the test of time. Theirs couldn't withstand a changing timeslot.

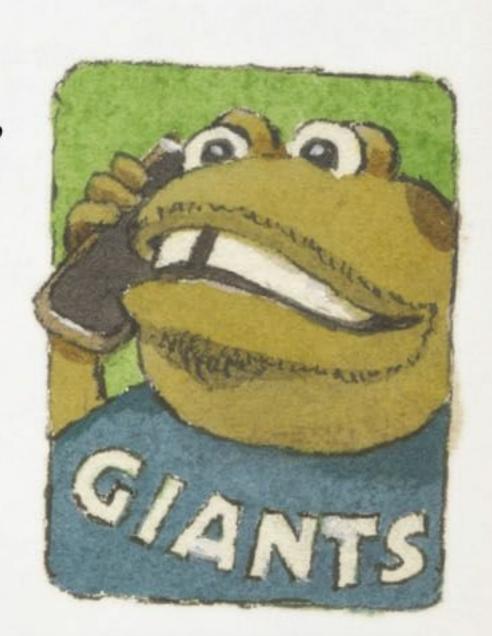


One morning, Kelly was about to enjoy her daily thimble-ful of food when her telephone rang. It was her best friend, Michael.



Every morning, Michael and Kelly would pretend to drink coffee together while they interviewed celebrities on television.

"I have some sad news, Kelly," Michael said. "I'm leaving our show. ABC has offered me a job at *Good* Morning America."





Kelly was very angry and slammed down the phone. Losing Michael could hurt her show's ratings! She thought about how she should respond.

She could take the high road and issue a press release, telling the world how happy she was for Michael.

She could talk to Michael privately and tell him she thought he was being a bad friend. Instead, Kelly decided to lock her door, get back in bed and pout and stew. She was furious!

Who cared that she had a \$10 million contract and her show started in an hour?

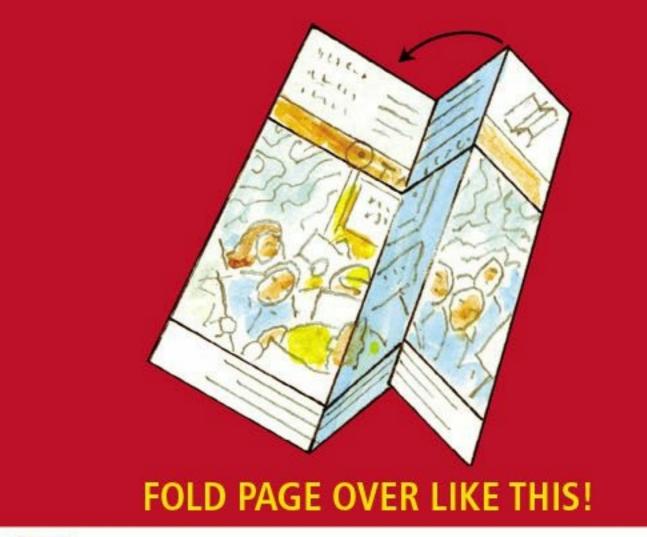
No one could find her for many days, but eventually, Kelly thought about that \$10 million and went back to her television show. Although Kelly congratulated Michael, inside, Kelly was still very angry and sad. Luckily she had just gotten Botox, and everyone was fooled by her smile.



WHAT GENDER-BASED CHANGE ARE MANY
AMERICANS STUBBORNLY
REFUSING TO ACCEPT?

# HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION MAD 20 FOLD-IN

Some people have trouble getting used to change. It's like their number one priority is to stubbornly hold on to the past. It's spooky, but it's something people just refuse to hold in. The sad truth is, life is going to move on with or without them, so they need to stop complaining and give up the ghost.





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# O TARGET



FEMALES FEAR PUBLIC RESTROOMS. THEY HEAR OF GHASTLY THINGS HAPPENING IN THERE. BUT MOST-LY IT'S IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS. THE WORST BUSINESS IS TELLING ALL THIS TO NEWS REPORTERS









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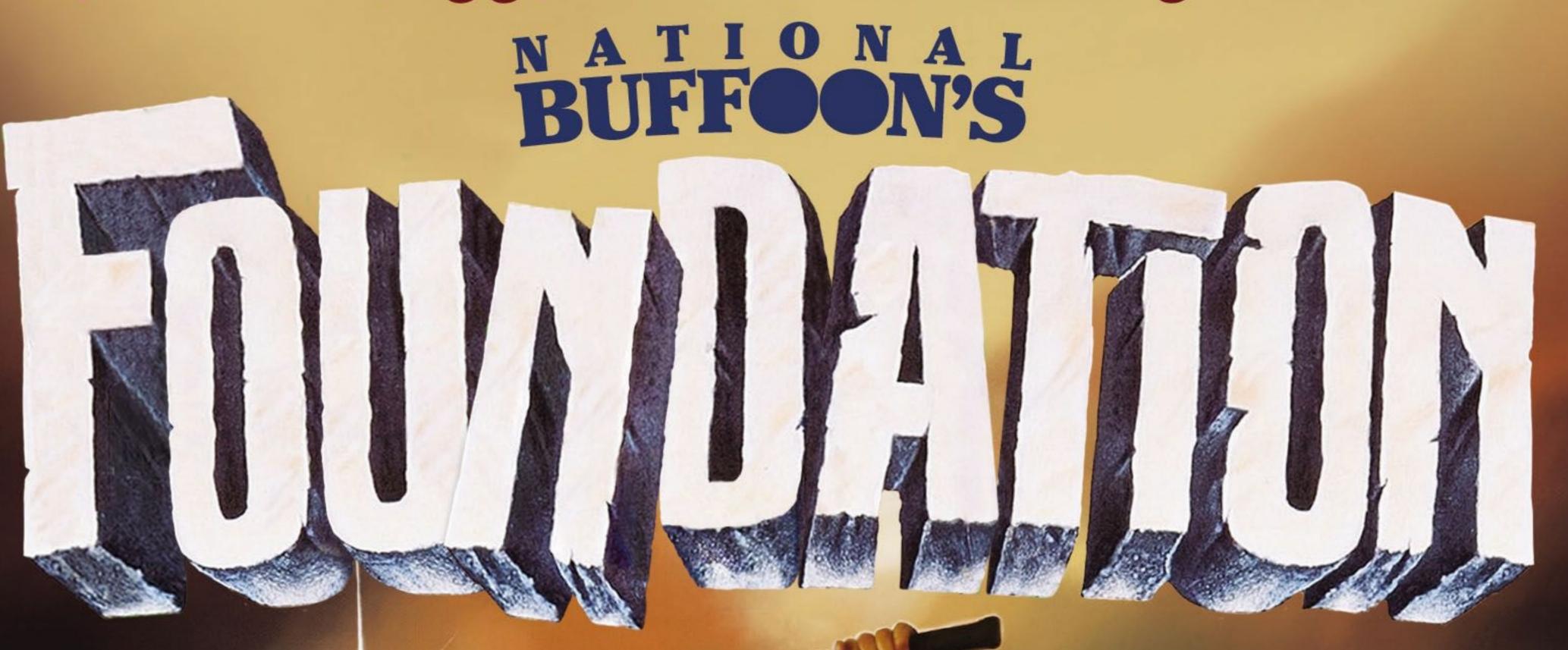
FEMALE GHOST-

BUSTERS

## THE TRUMP FOUNDATION SCAMIAM

When most people think of a charity, they think of something like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation — an organization set up to help others in need. But Donald Trump's "charity" seems to have been set up only for his own "need" — specifically, garish oil portraits of himself, a possible bribe to Florida's attorney general and paying legal settlements from other wings of his shady empire. Maybe Trump isn't as generous as he claims he is because he isn't as rich as he claims. Whatever. When the truth about the Trump Foundation emerged in September, leading to its shutdown in New York State, nobody seemed surprised — it was clear to all that Donald Trump believes charity begins in the tacky Manhattan tower he calls home.

Every year Donald Trump's "charity" operated like his own personal piggy bank. In 2016, he got found out.



"Nearly all of [the Trump Foundation's] money comes from people other than Trump...

Trump then takes that money and generally does with it as he pleases."

—The Washington Post

"The Trump Foundation must immediately cease soliciting contributions or engaging in any other fund-raising activities in New York."

—New York Attorney General's Office

"Because this is an ongoing legal matter, the Trump Foundation will not comment further at this time."

—Trump Press Secretary Hope Hicks

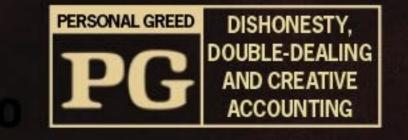
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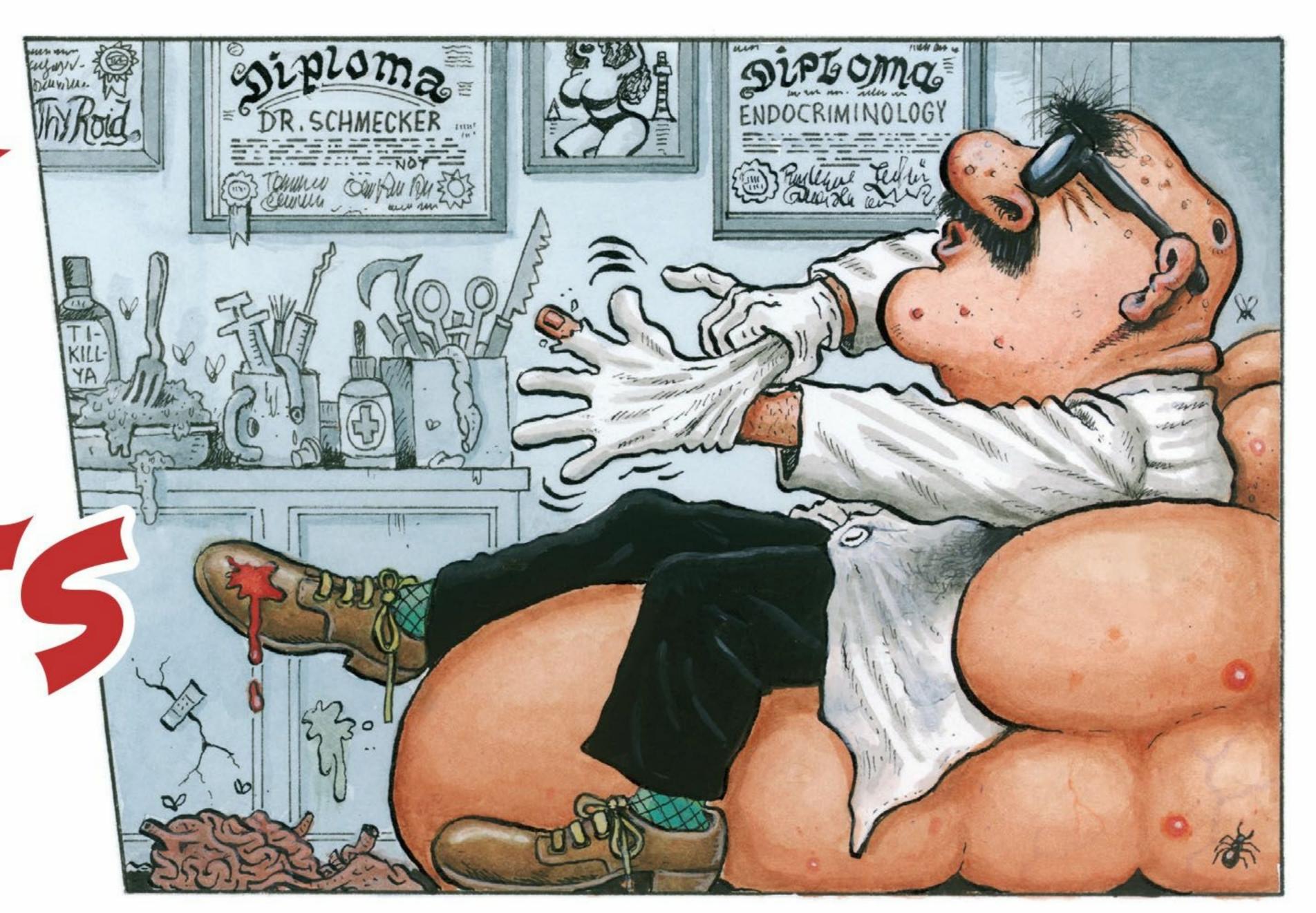


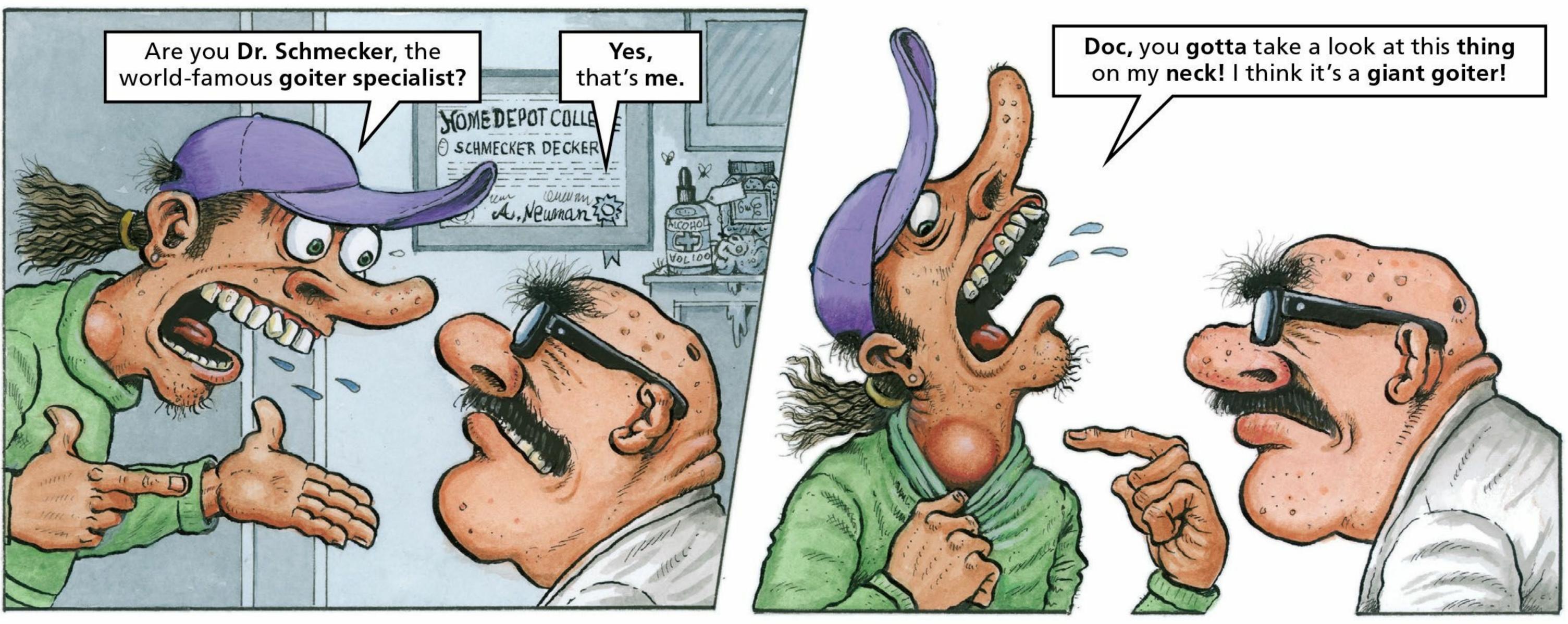
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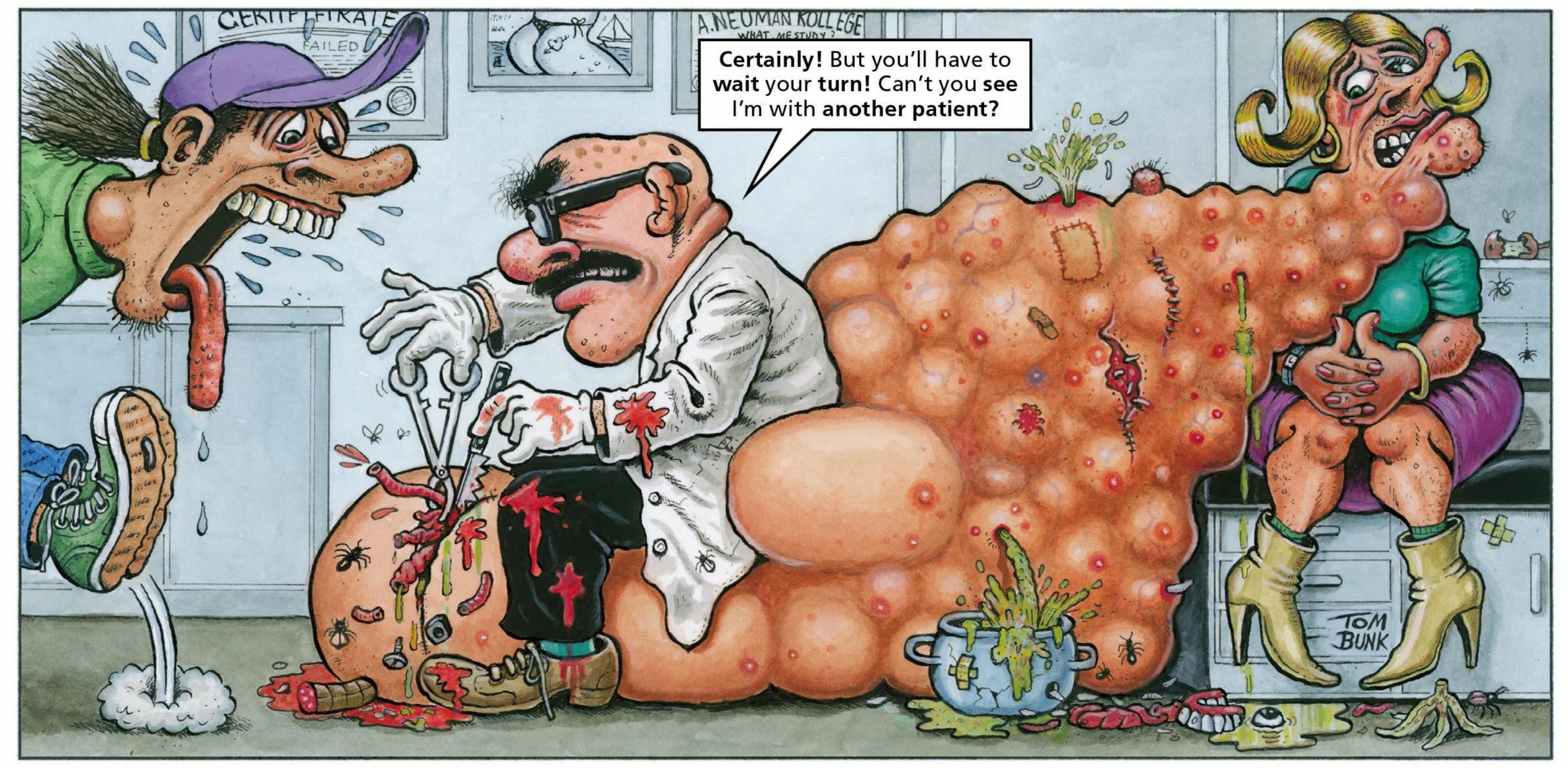




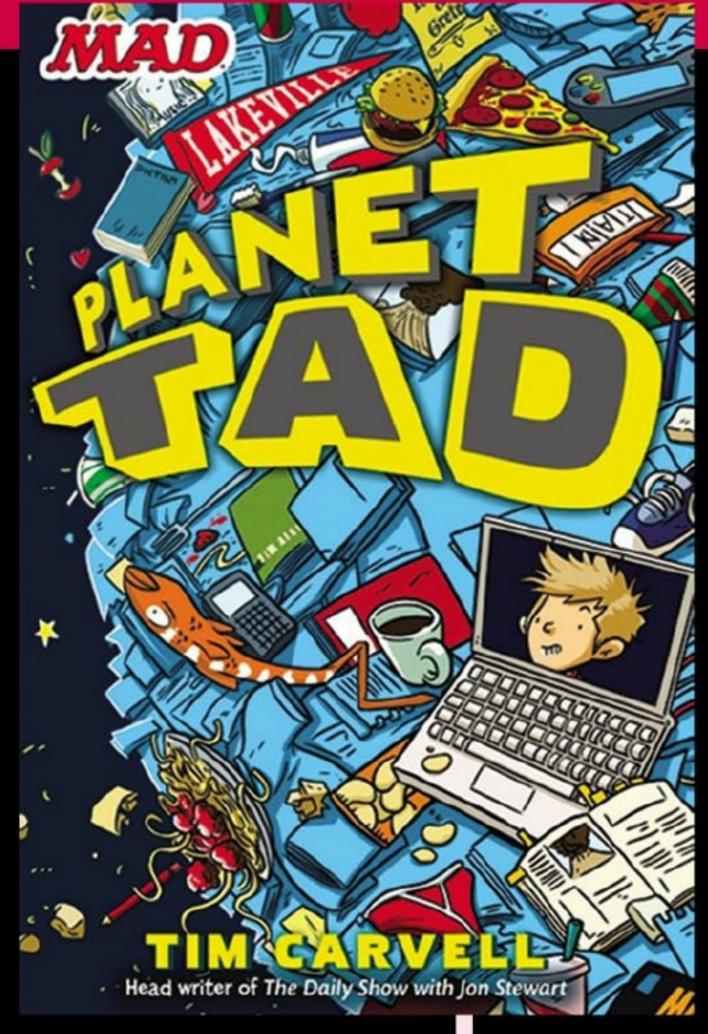
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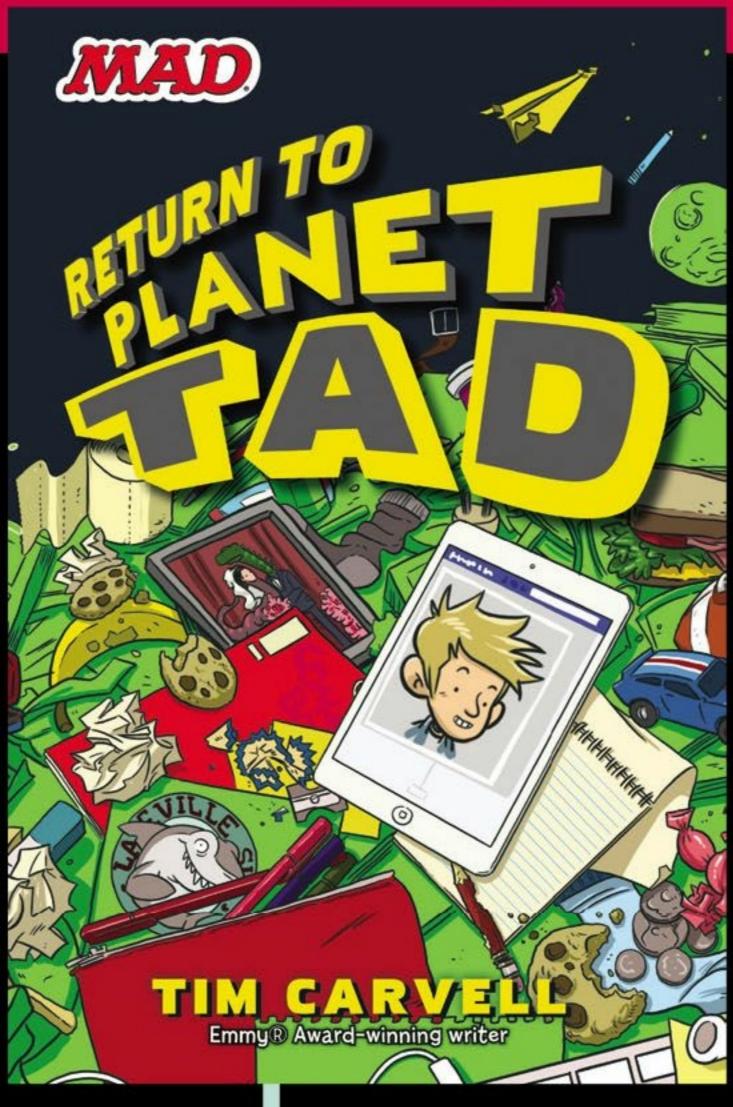
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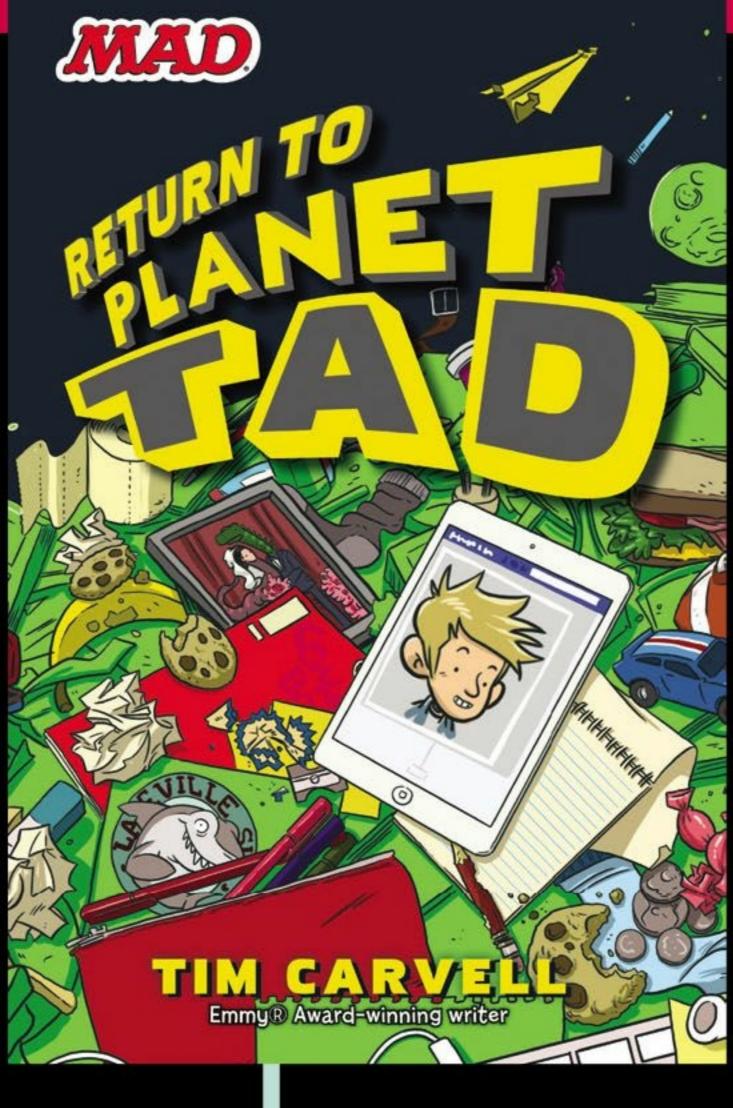
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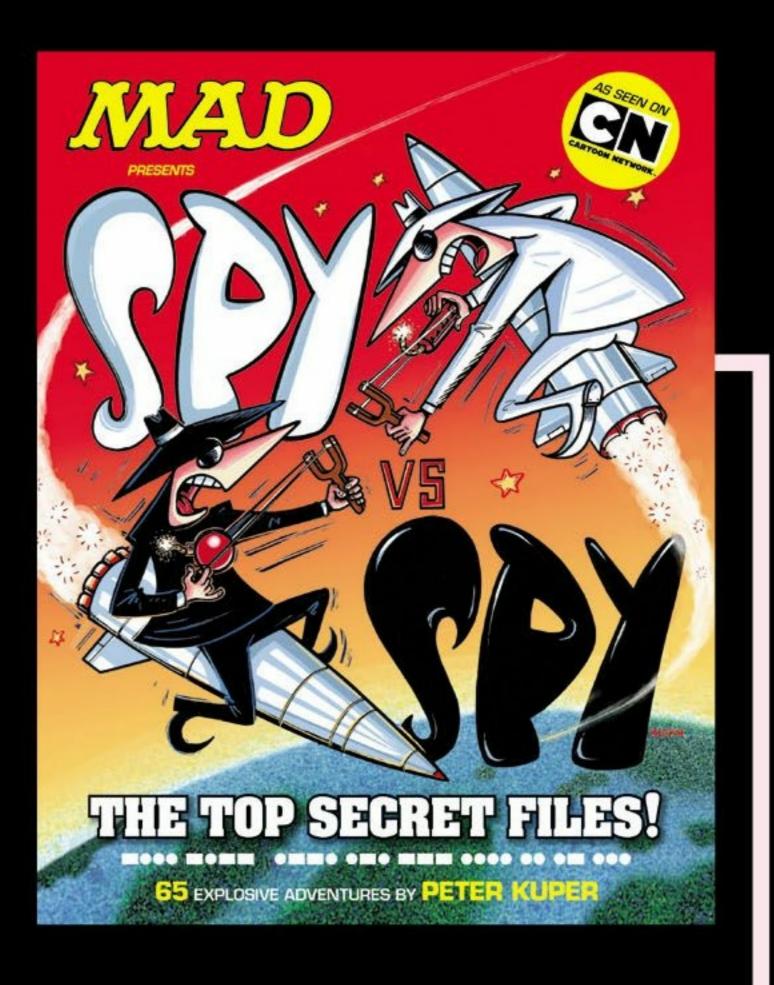


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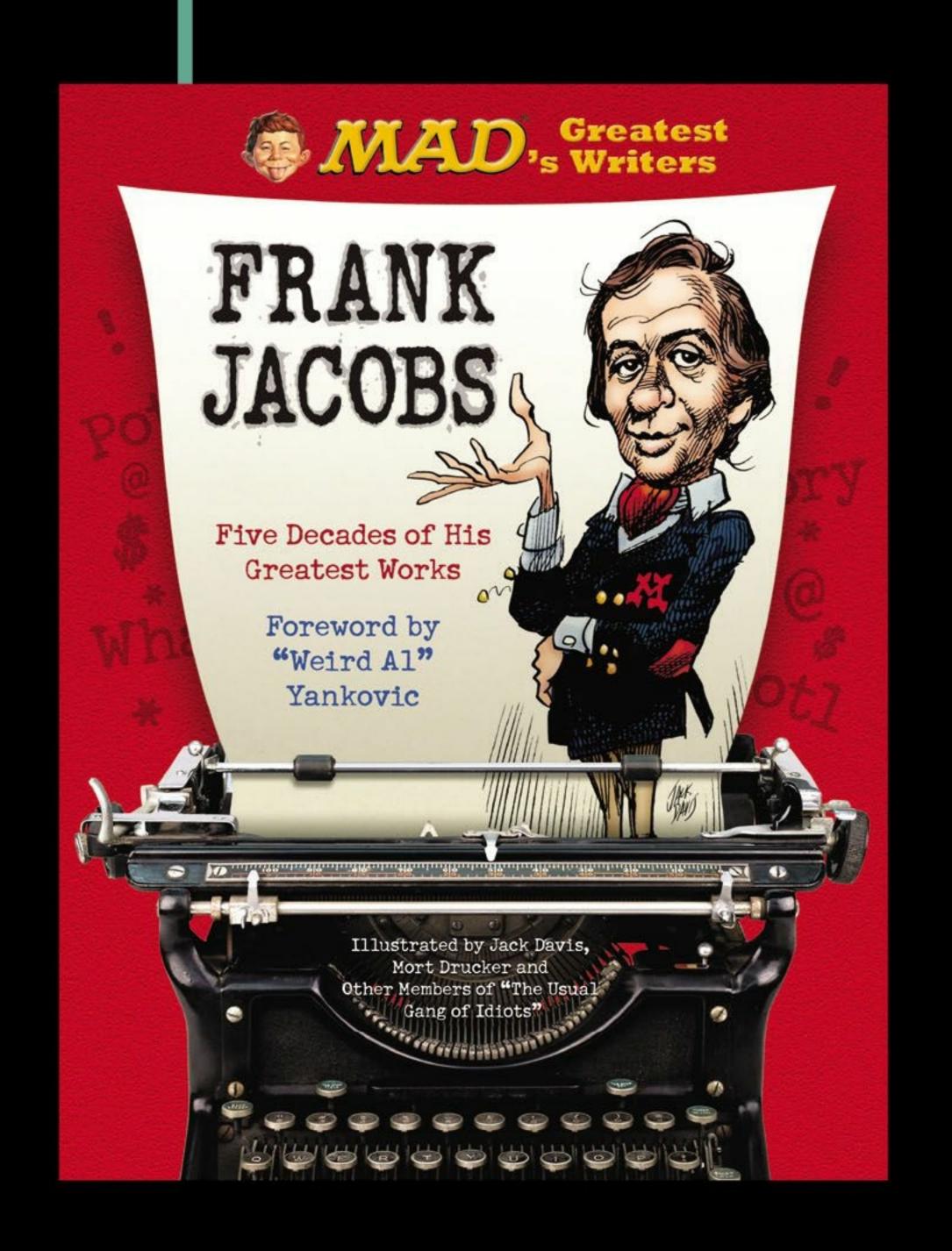


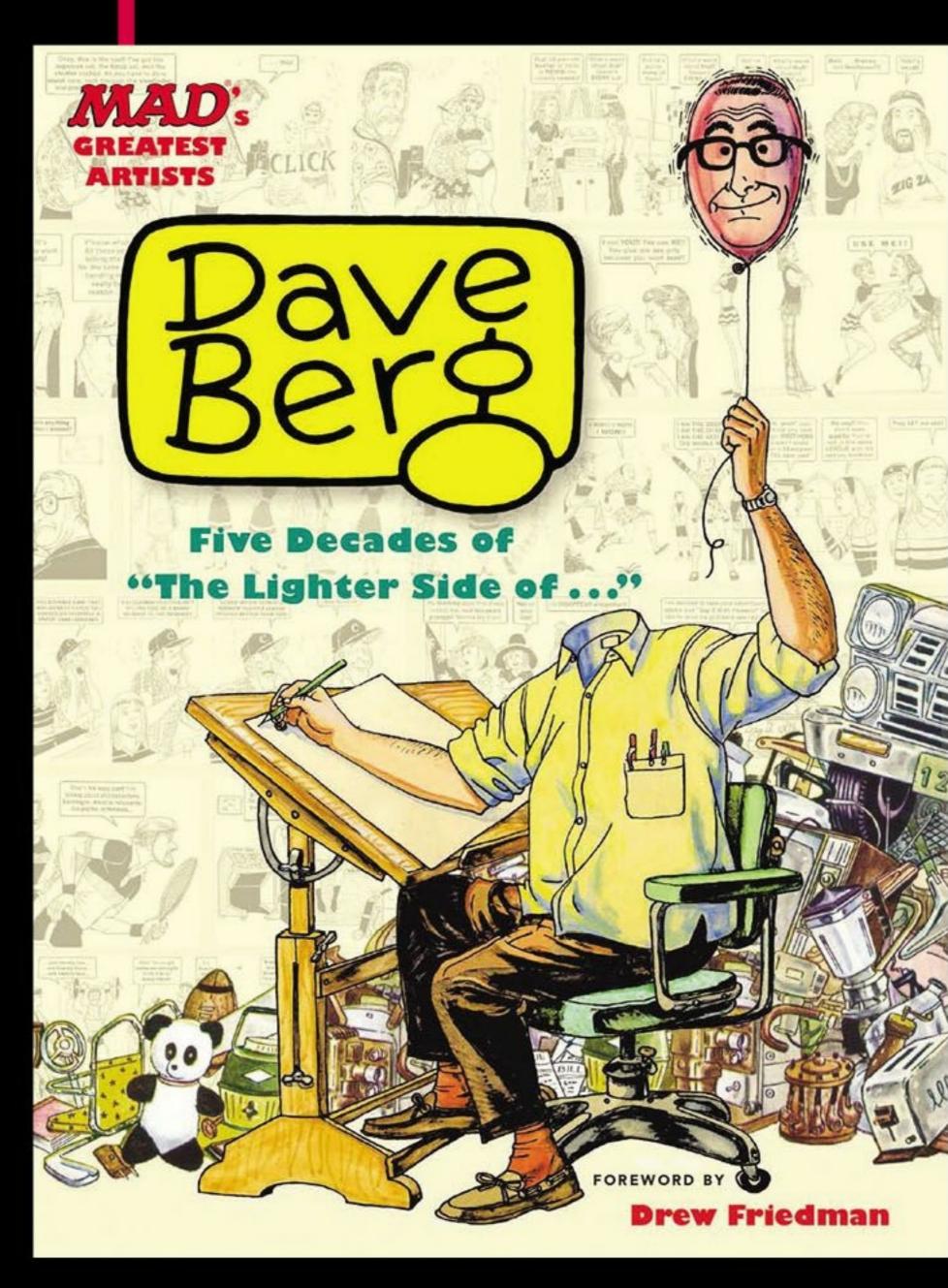
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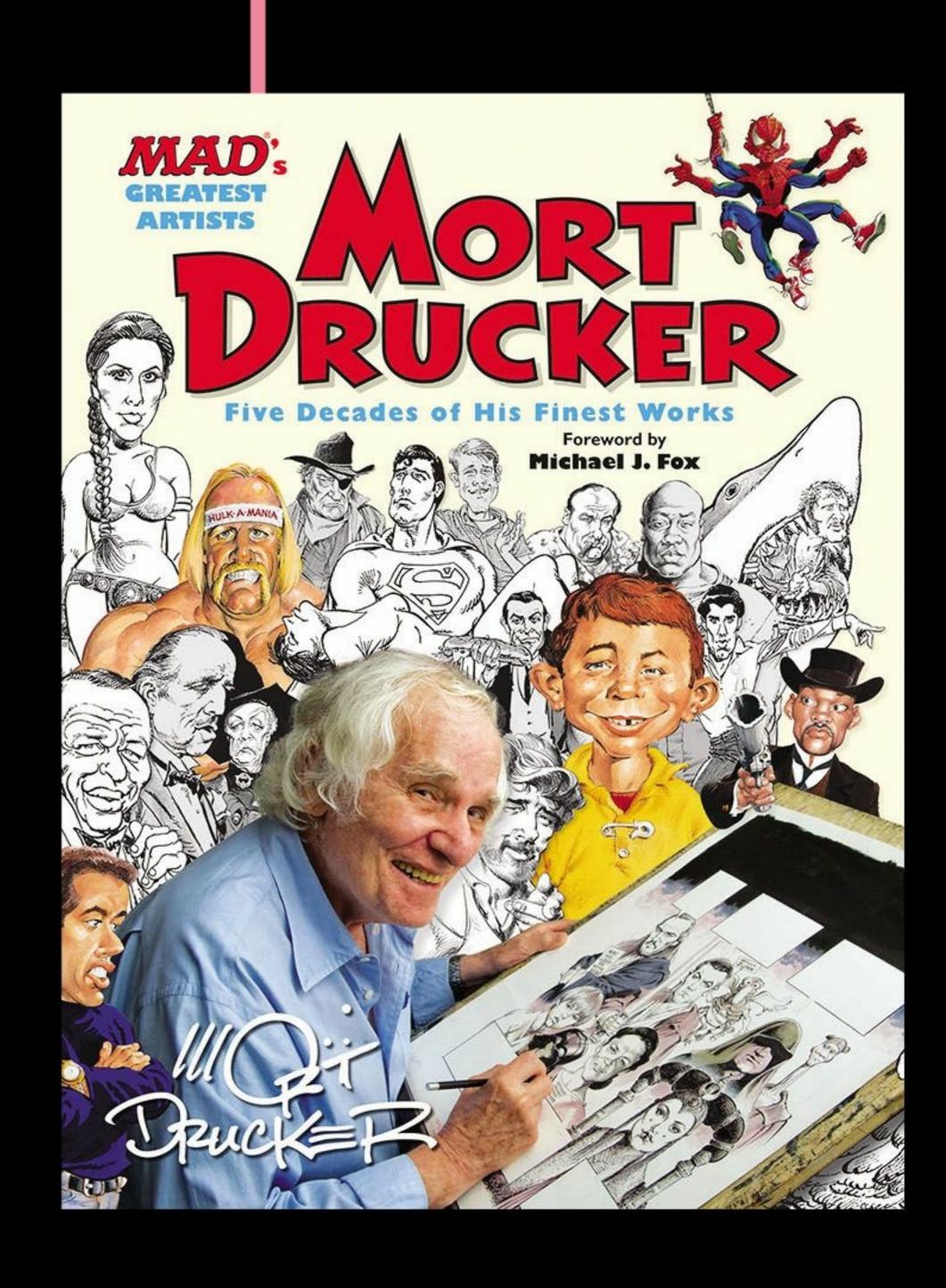
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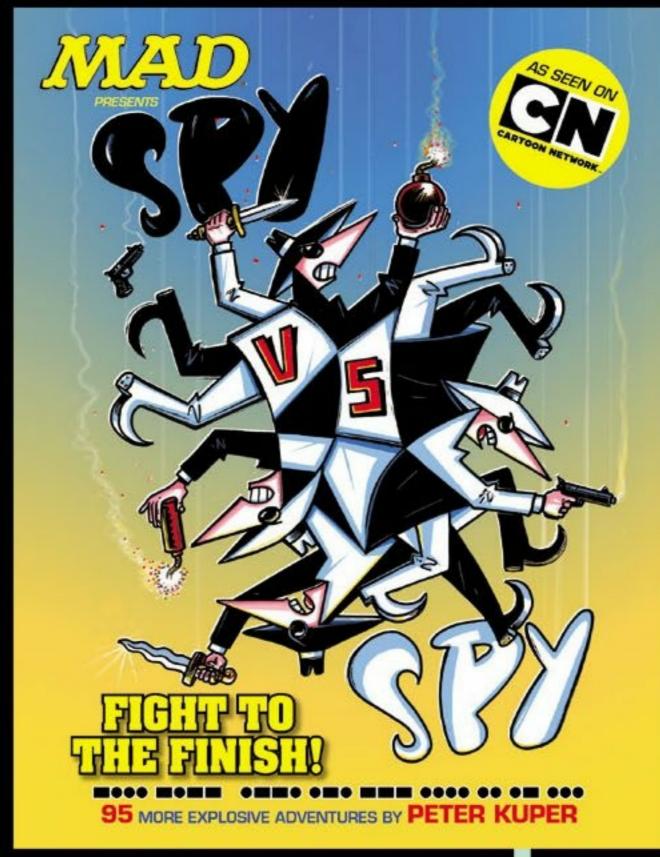


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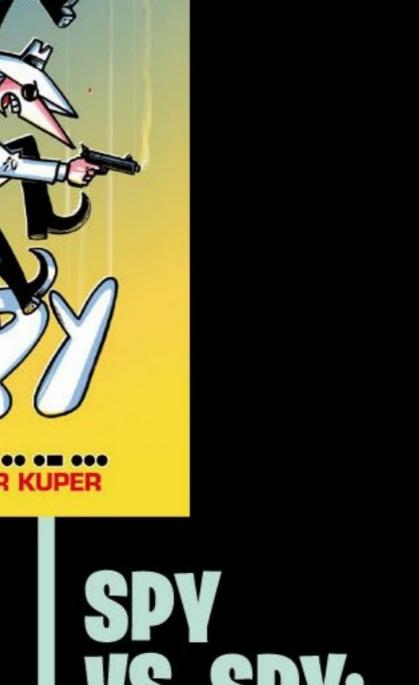
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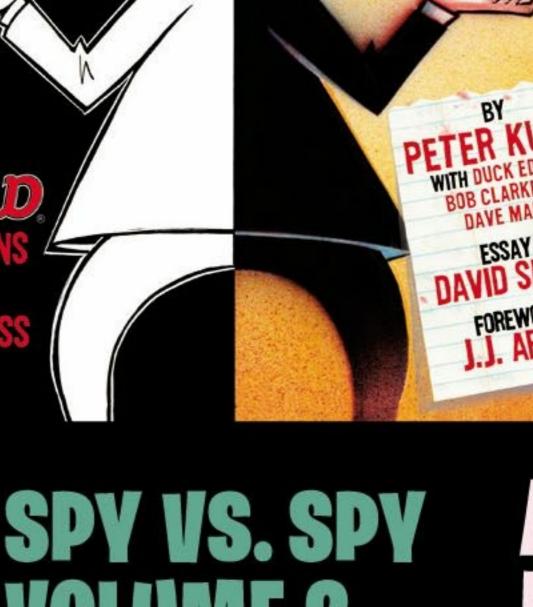
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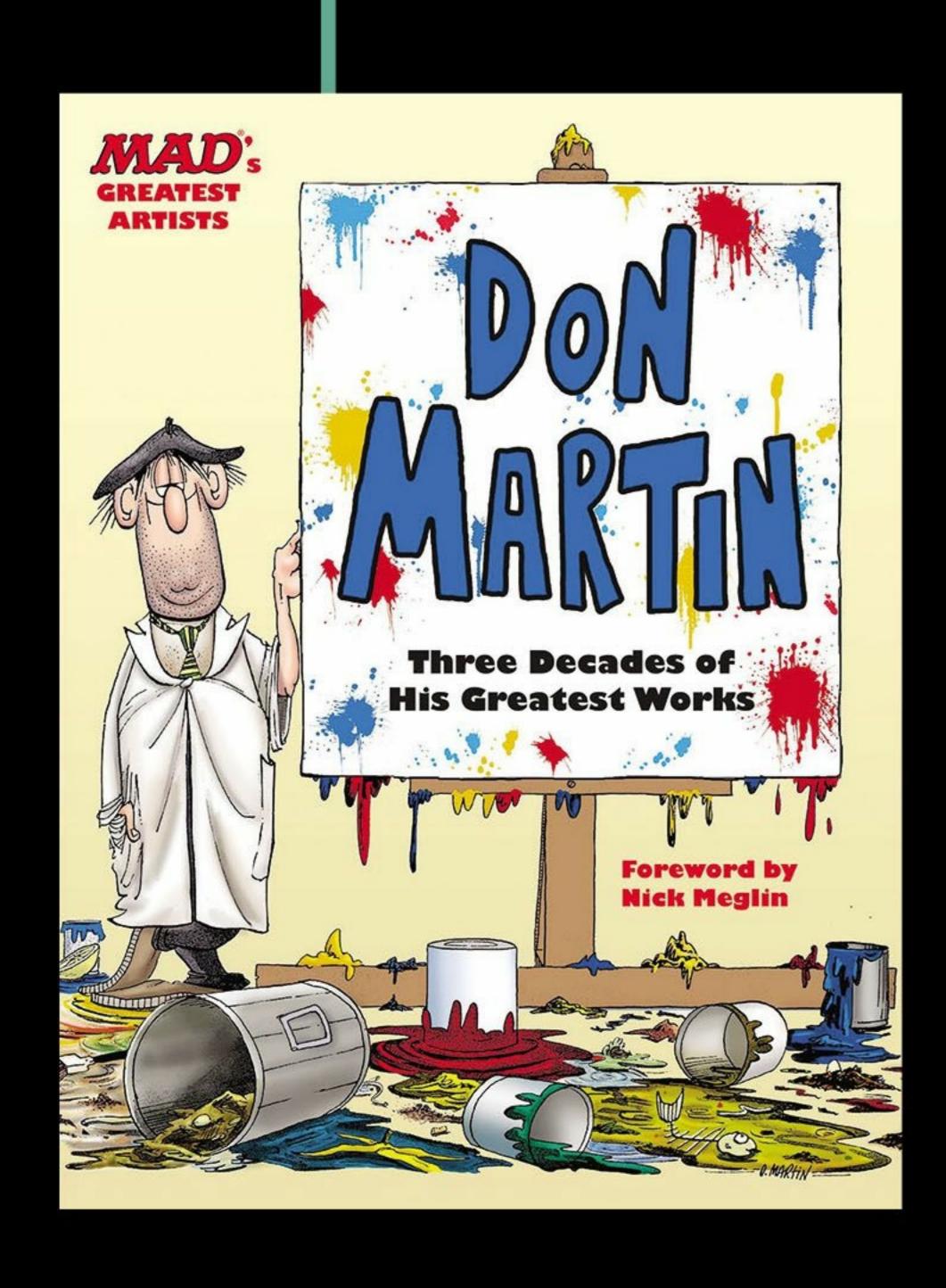
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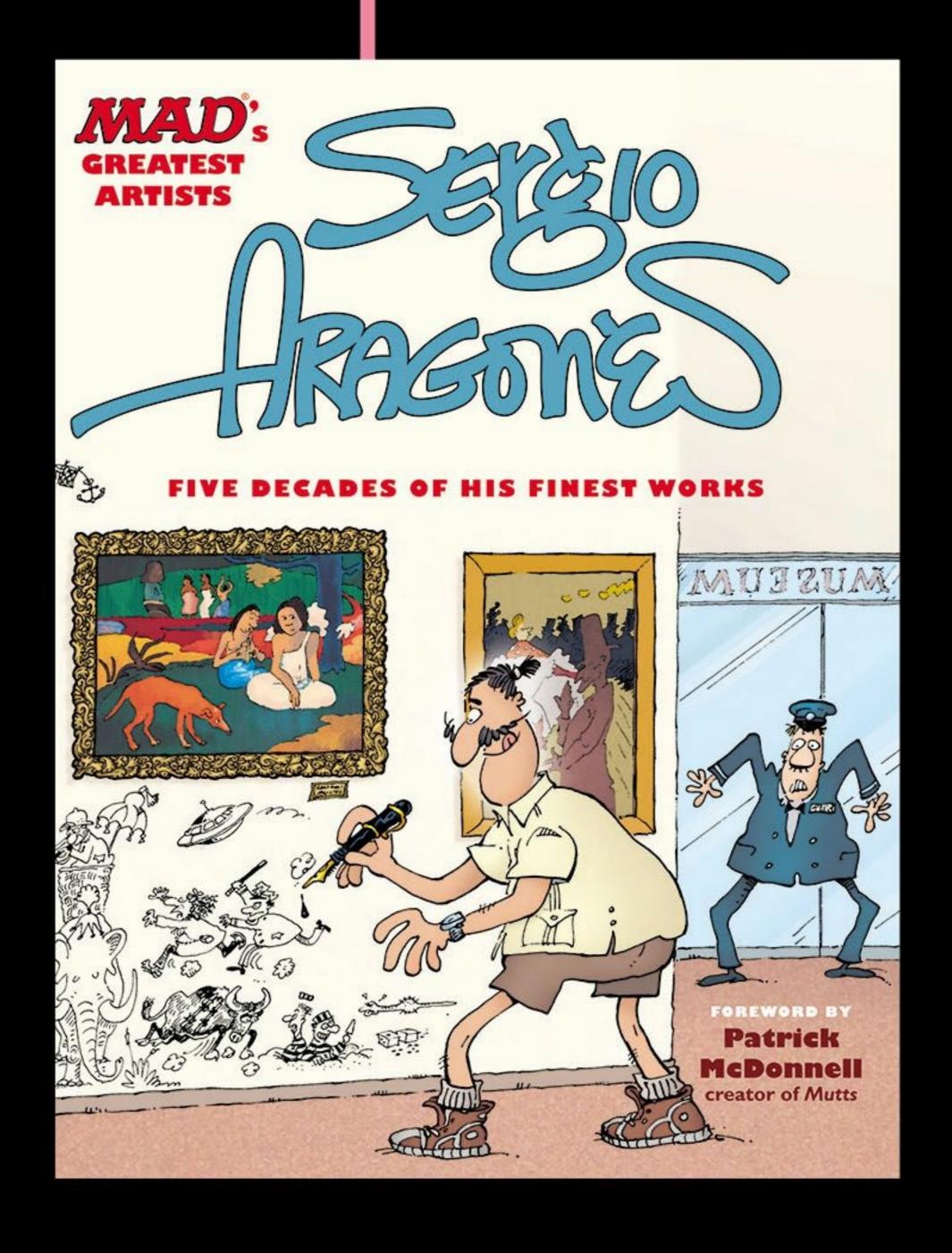
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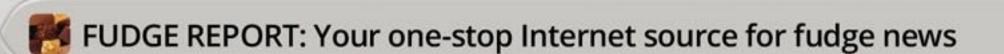




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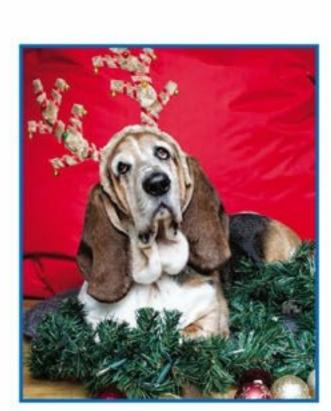
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### **DECEMBER 4, 2016**

So, today I was at the mall and saw this sign:



And I figured, I could use some extra money, so I went to ask for an application, and they said, "Oh, you should just see Brenda. She handles our Christmas stuff." I was about to ask which one was Brenda, but then I saw a woman wearing a bright red-and-green Christmas sweater, and one of those reindeer-antler headbands that you usually only see on unhappy dogs.



It turns out, Brenda loves Christmas. Like, a lot. She told me that she sees her job as "making Christmas memories", and that she waits all year long to coordinate all the Christmas stuff at the mall. She said she even wanted to name her daughter "Christmas", but her husband wouldn't let her, so they compromised, and "Christmas" is her daughter's middle name. And I said, "Is her first name Mary?" And she said, "No. Why?" And I said, "Then she could be Mary Christmas."

And Brenda's jaw dropped and she said, "Oh. My. God. How did I not think of that? I wonder if it's too late to change it!" And I said, "How old is she?" And Brenda said, "She's nine. But she's an immature nine. Hang on, let me call my husband. You're hired, by the way."

### **DECEMBER 9, 2016**

Today I started work at the gift-wrap station. Brenda told me a few times that I needed to be really, really careful not to waste any of the giftwrap supplies, because "Mr. O'Connor, the mall manager, is really insistent about keeping costs down. That's also why our Santa Claus is just a cardboard cutout of Santa."



Then she had me wrap a present for her, and then frowned and said, "I'll just send the easiest stuff your way — books and boxes and that sort of thing." She told me I should direct anything that's even slightly oddly-shaped to one of what she called the "Wrap-id Response Team." "Get it? Like 'rapid response'! It took me forever to come up with that!", she said proudly. "I don't know that there's a cooler possible name for a group of gift-wrap specialists!" And I said, "What about wrap-tors? Like 'raptors', but with giftwrap? That seems cooler." And she got very quiet, and she said, "Yes, I suppose that's good, too," and I was sort of sorry I'd said anything.

### **DECEMBER 10, 2016**

The mall's manager, Mr. O'Connor, came by the giftwrap station today. He walked up to Brenda just as she was wrapping a present with two little sticky bows on top, and said, "That looks terrific." And she smiled, and then he pulled off one of the bows and said, "And it looks just as good, now. Damn it, Brenda, we've talked about this. One bow per present." Then he stormed off. Brenda muttered under her breath, "Well, he certainly doesn't have the holiday spirit." Which may not sound like much, but I'm pretty sure it's the meanest thing Brenda can say about anyone.

### **DECEMBER 17, 2016**

Today Mr. O'Connor came by and yelled at me for using a full sheet of wrapping paper to wrap a book. "Do you think paper grows on trees?" he shouted.

I didn't have the heart to tell him where paper comes from.

### **DECEMBER 18, 2016**

Today Brenda gift-wrapped a guitar for a guy. It was amazing.



She handed it to the customer, and he said, "Thanks!" And then he looked worried for a second, and said, "Oh, crap — I think I left the price tag on."

So he tore it all open to check, and then said, "Whew! I didn't!" And then he handed it back to Brenda to wrap a second time. And she just said, "Okey doke!" and started re-wrapping it. Afterward, she said happily, "Imagine someone seeing that under the tree! That's a Christmas memory!"

I would've stabbed the guy with a pair of scissors.

### **DECEMBER 19, 2016**

Today a woman had me giftwrap a five-pound Today a woman had me giftwrap a five-pound container of kitty litter. "It's for my cat," she said, as if that explained anything.

### **DECEMBER 20, 2016**

We're in the final stretch to Christmas, and Brenda's getting a little giddy.

Yesterday, as she was curling a bunch of ribbon on a gift, she turned to me and said, "Don't you just love it? If you ask me, there's no such thing as too much ribbon!"

### **DECEMBER 21, 2016**

When I showed up for work today, Brenda wasn't there — it turns out, Mr. O'Connor suspended her for three days, so she won't be back until after Christmas. I asked one of the other workers why, and she leaned over and whispered: "Too much ribbon."

### **DECEMBER 24, 2016**

Today was my very last day of working at the mall. Right before I finished up, Mr. O'Connor came up to the booth and said, "Here — I need you to wrap these. They're for my wife, and a, uh, friend." The bags contained a terry-cloth robe with the name "Karen" monogrammed on it, and silky pajamas with the name "Callista" monogrammed on them.

So I went and started wrapping them both in boxes. And then I looked at the two items. And I thought about it. And as I wrapped them, I started thinking about how mean Mr. O'Connor was to Brenda. And then I looked at the nametags in my hands, and I might've accidentally put "Callista" on the box with the robe in it, and "Karen" on the one with the silky pajamas in it.

I know Brenda would probably have told me not to, but in my way, I think I may have made a pretty incredible Christmas memory.

### LATEST TWEETS



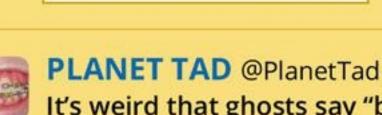
PLANET TAD @PlanetTad If we're going to measure length in feet, then the smaller increment shouldn't be "inches", it should be "toes".



PLANET TAD @PlanetTad I wonder if Papa John and Jimmy John are related.











PLANET TAD @PlanetTad The most useless ghost in "A Christmas Carol" is the **Ghost of Christmas Present:** "I can show you the current day!" Cool. Great superpower.

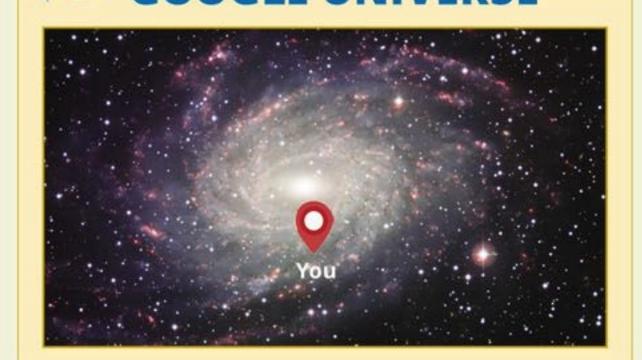


PLANET TAD @PlanetTad I feel like, if there weren't so few words starting with "Z", little kids wouldn't hear anywhere near as much about zebras.



PLANET TAD @PlanetTad It doesn't matter what the label says, the scent of every scented candle is "scented candle".









**Big Macs** 



The Big **Bang Theory** 

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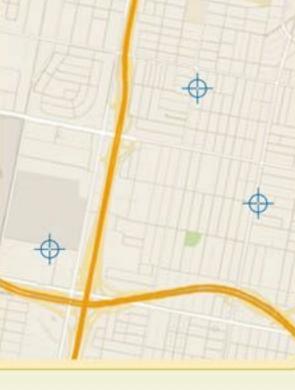


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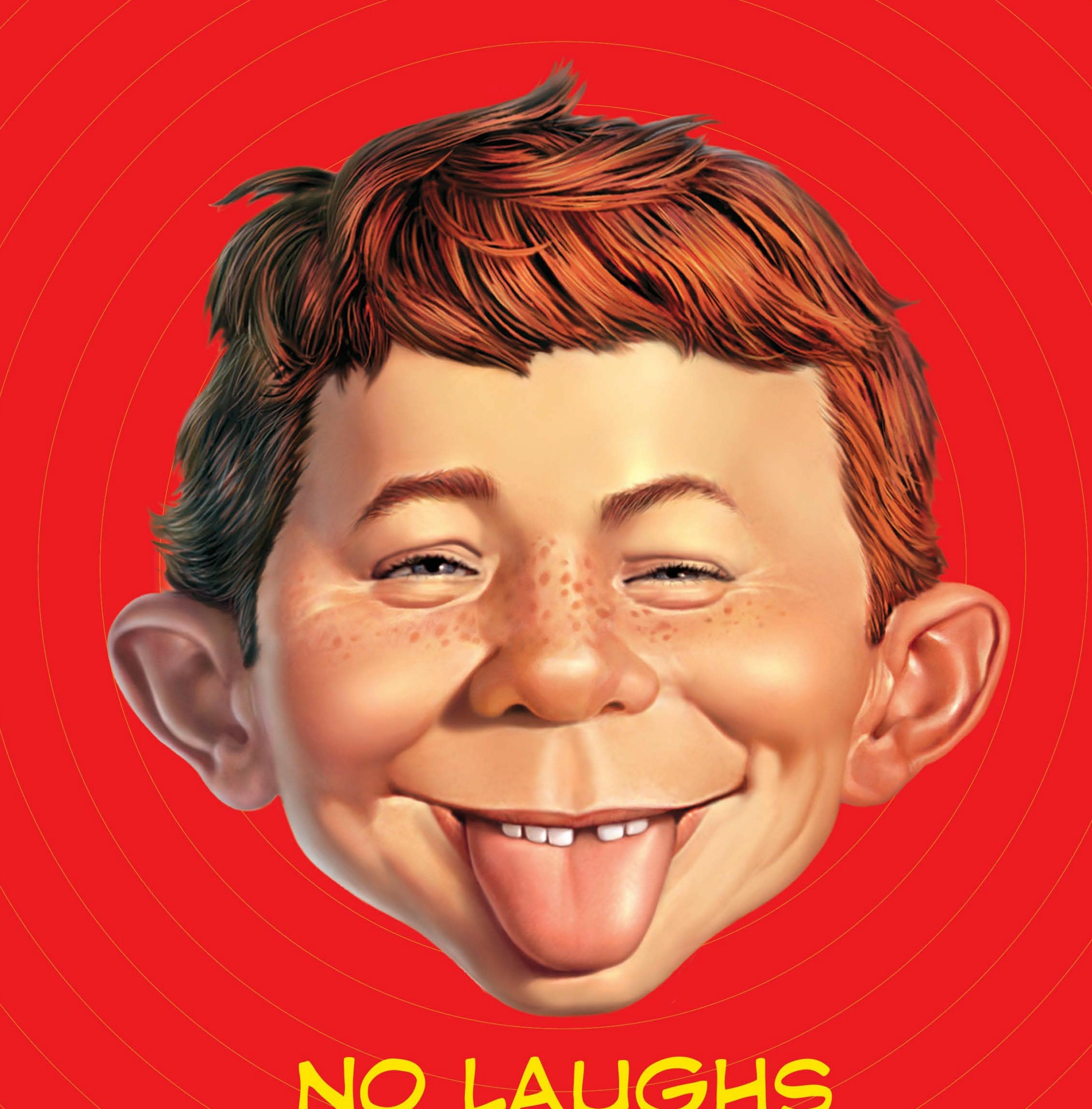
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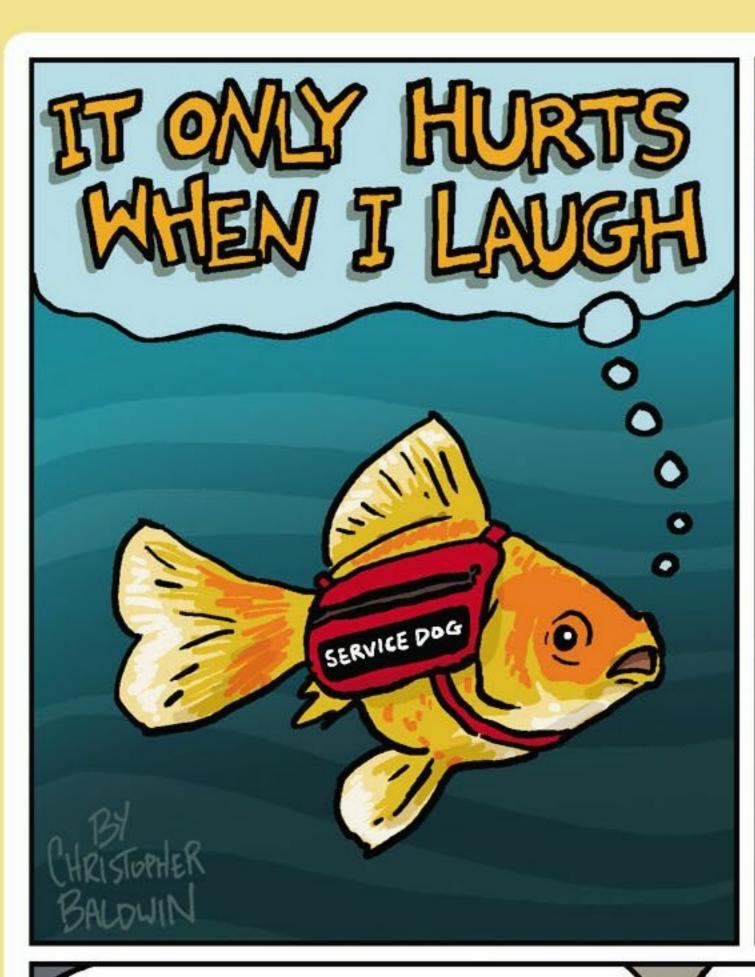


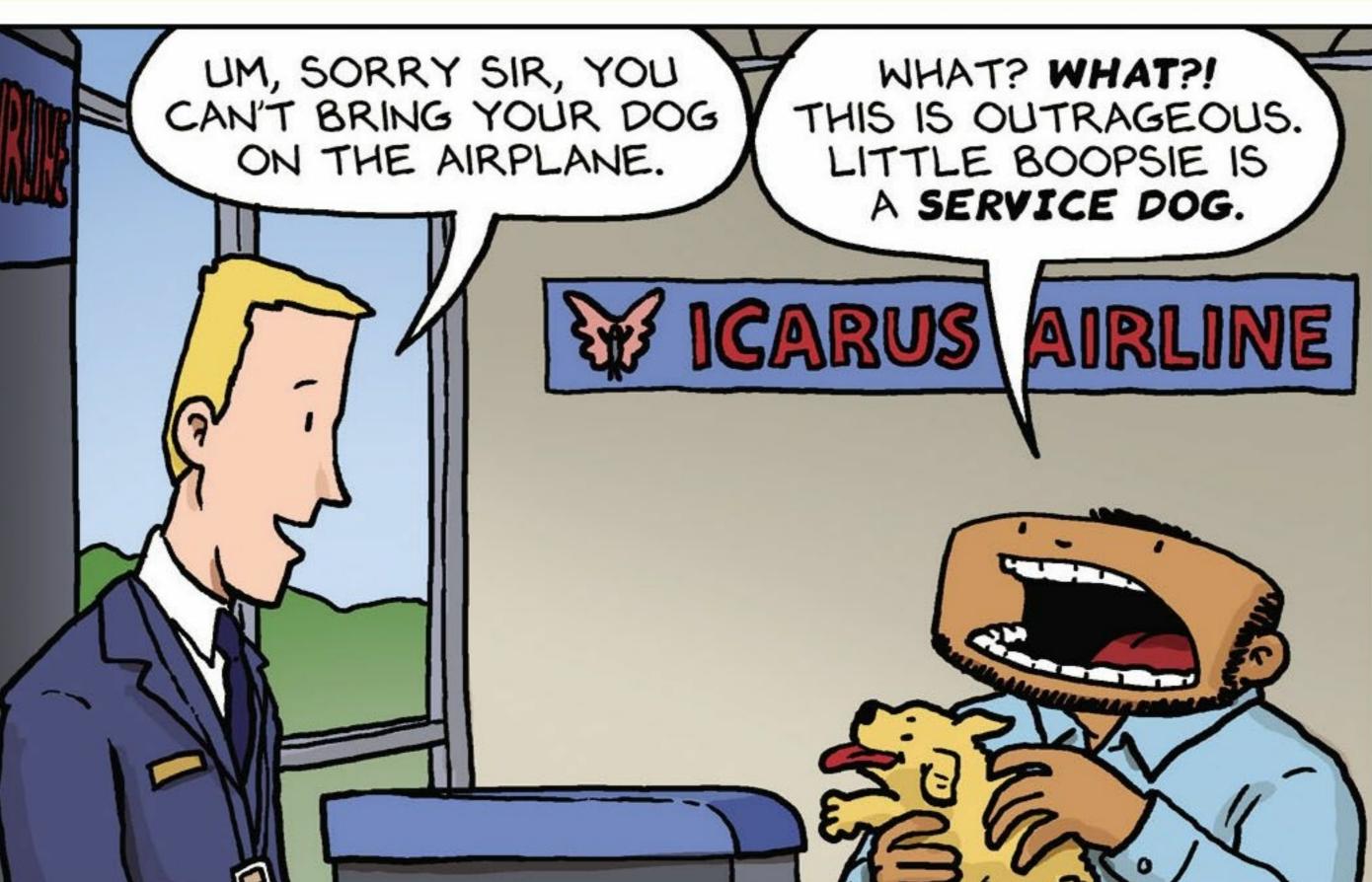
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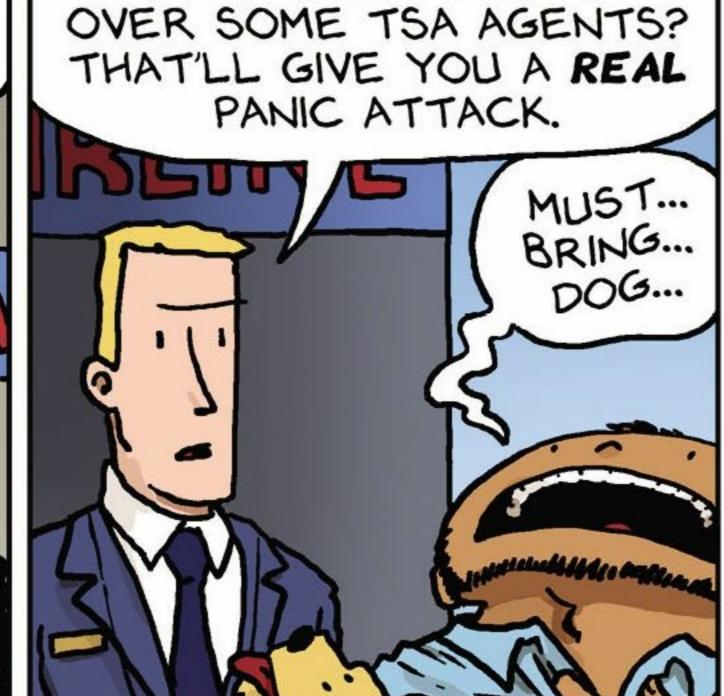












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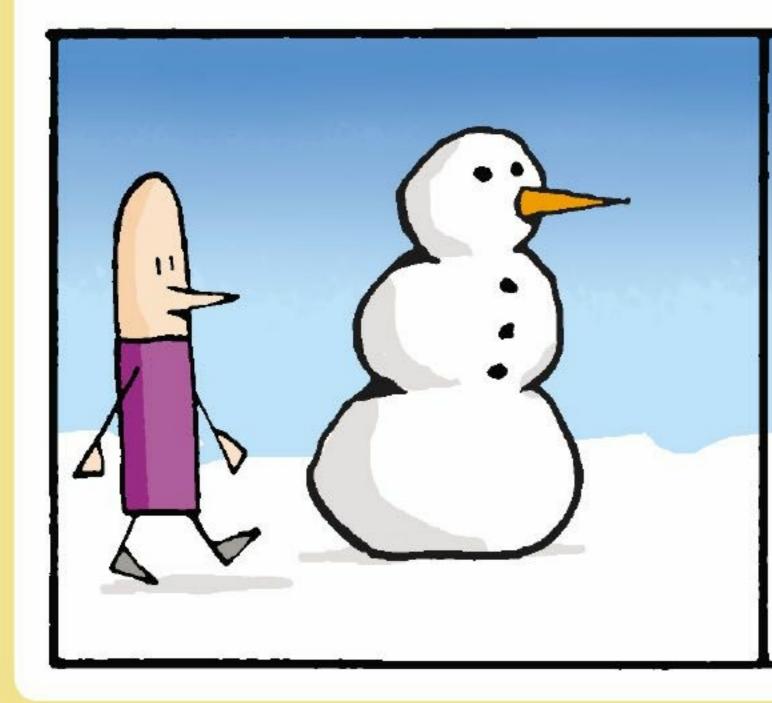


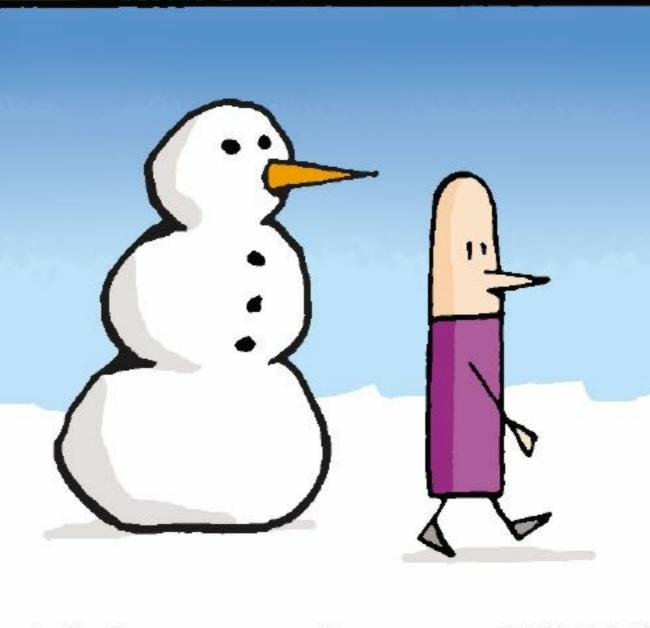


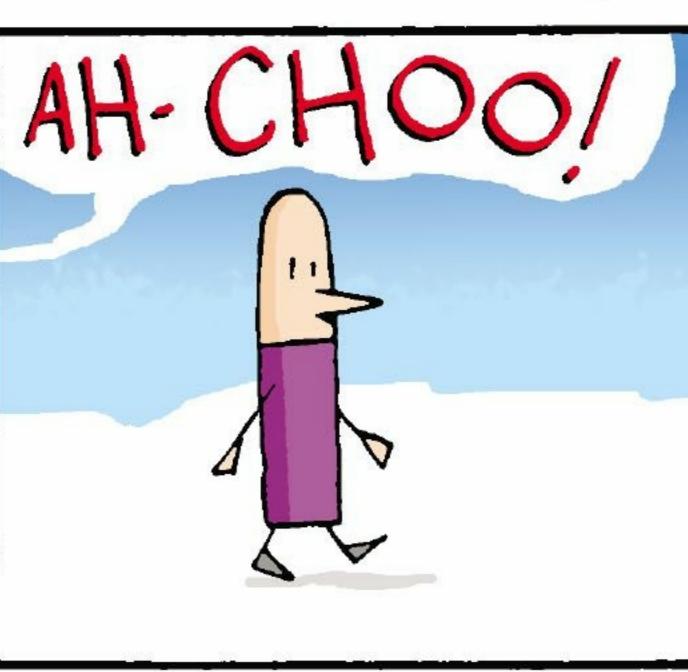


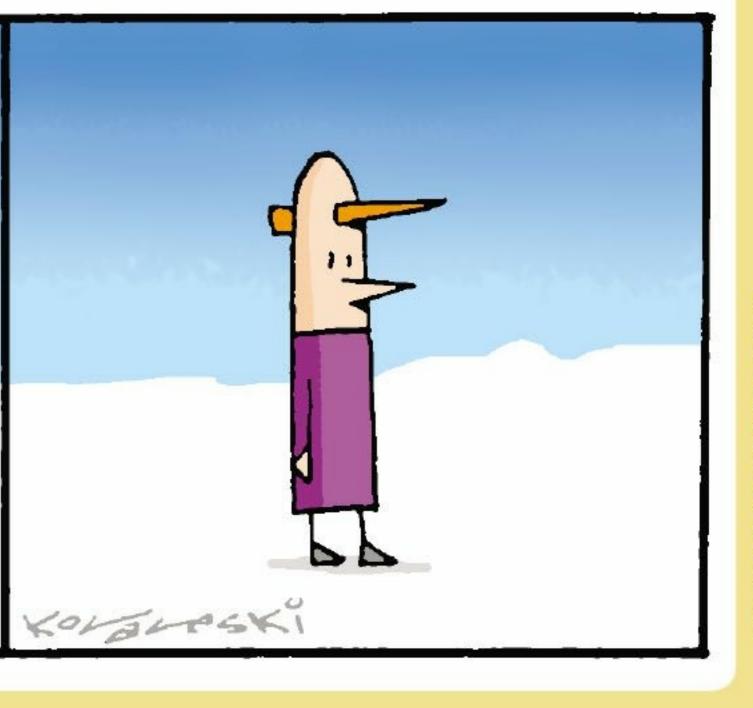


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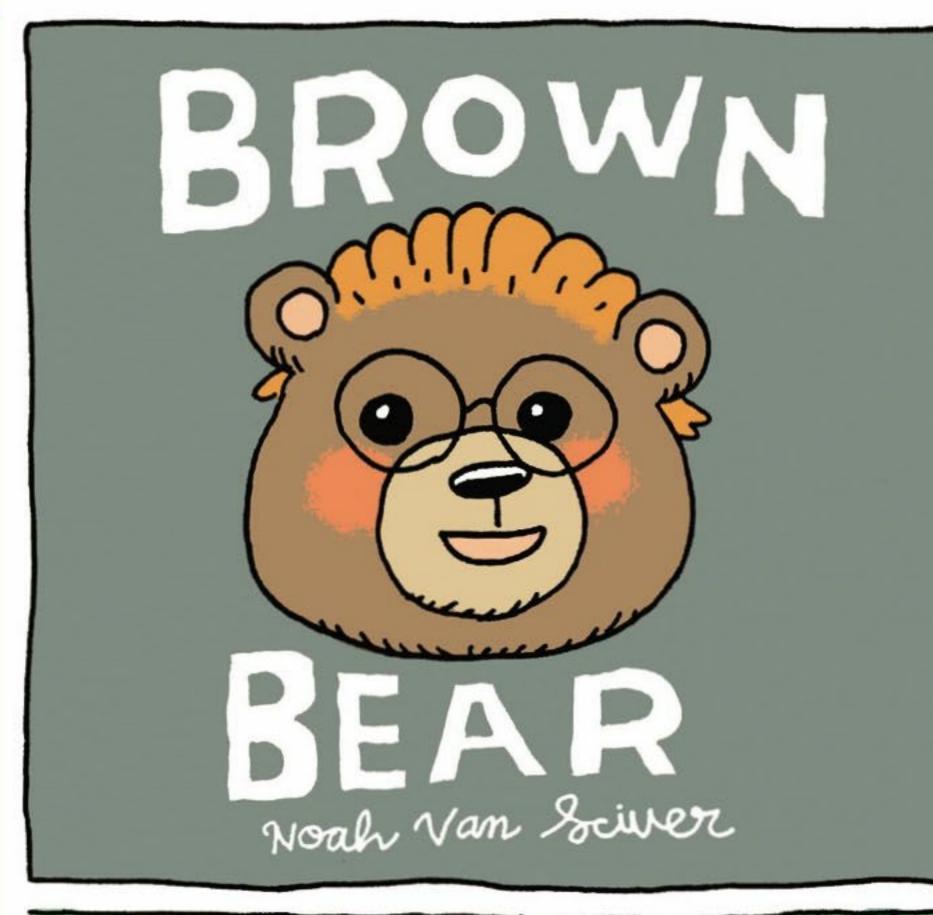


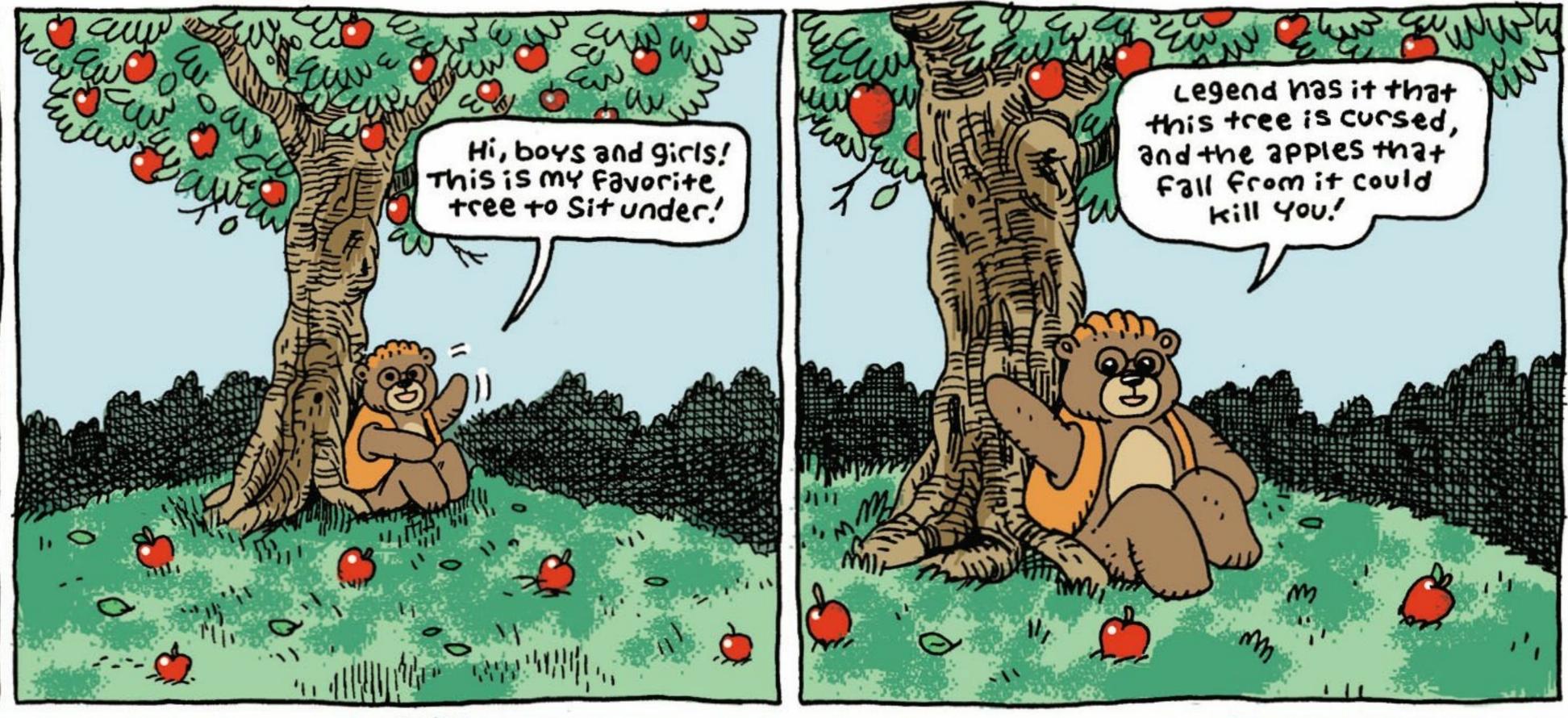






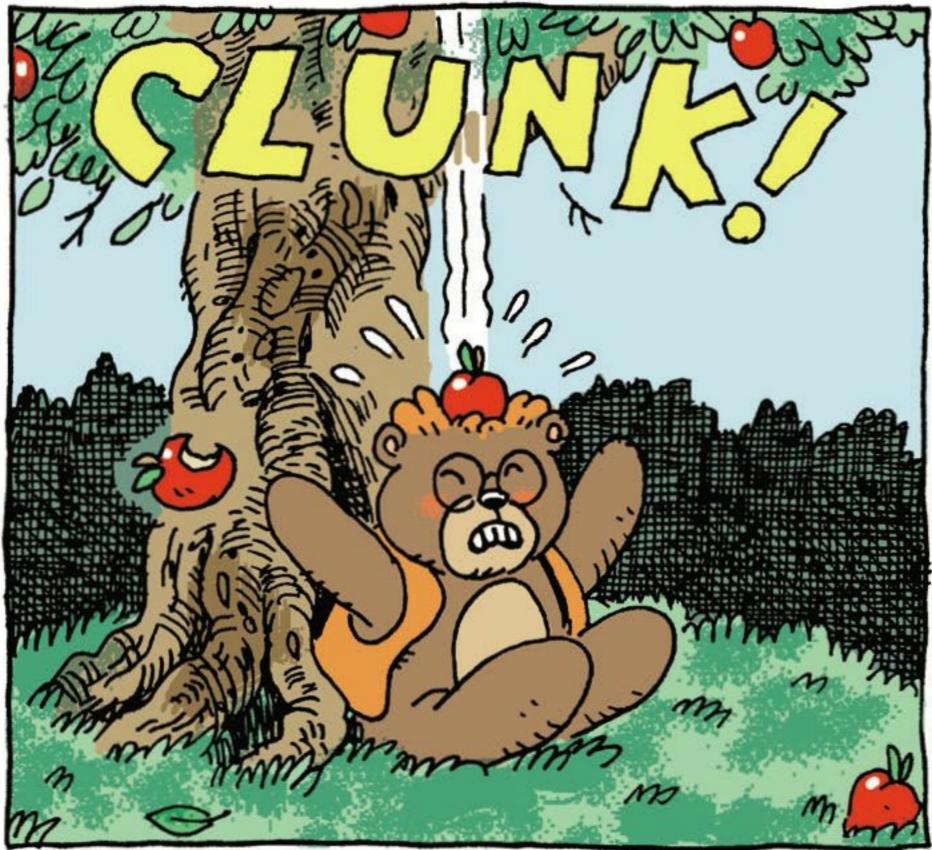


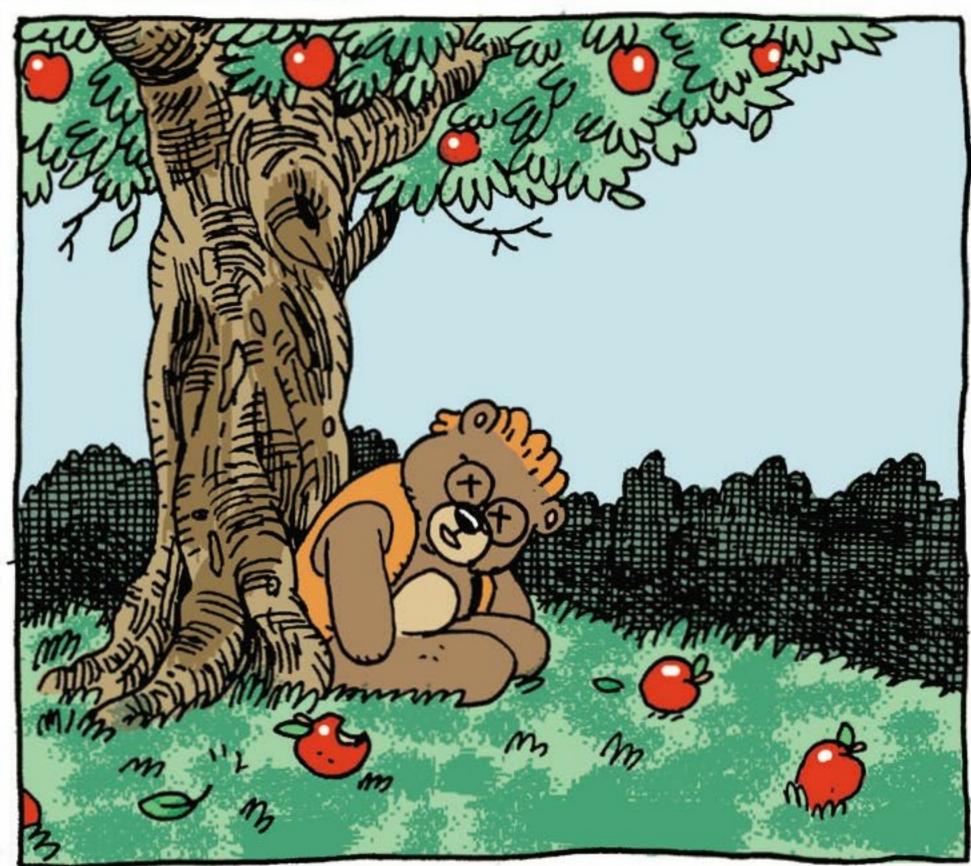












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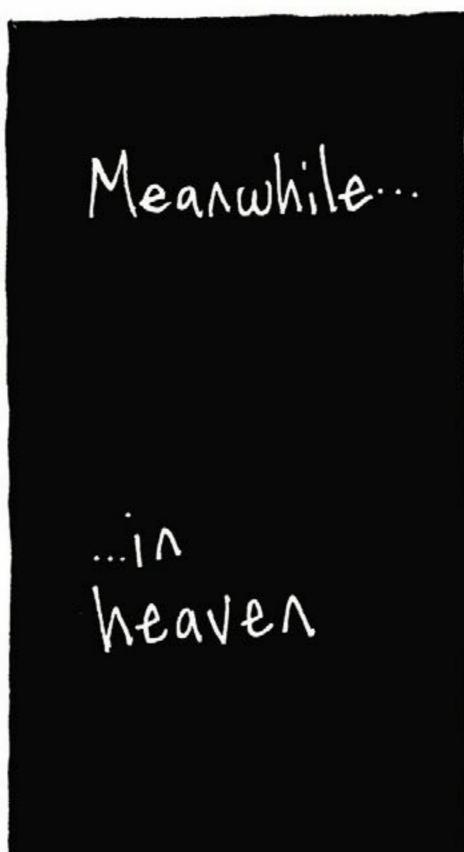


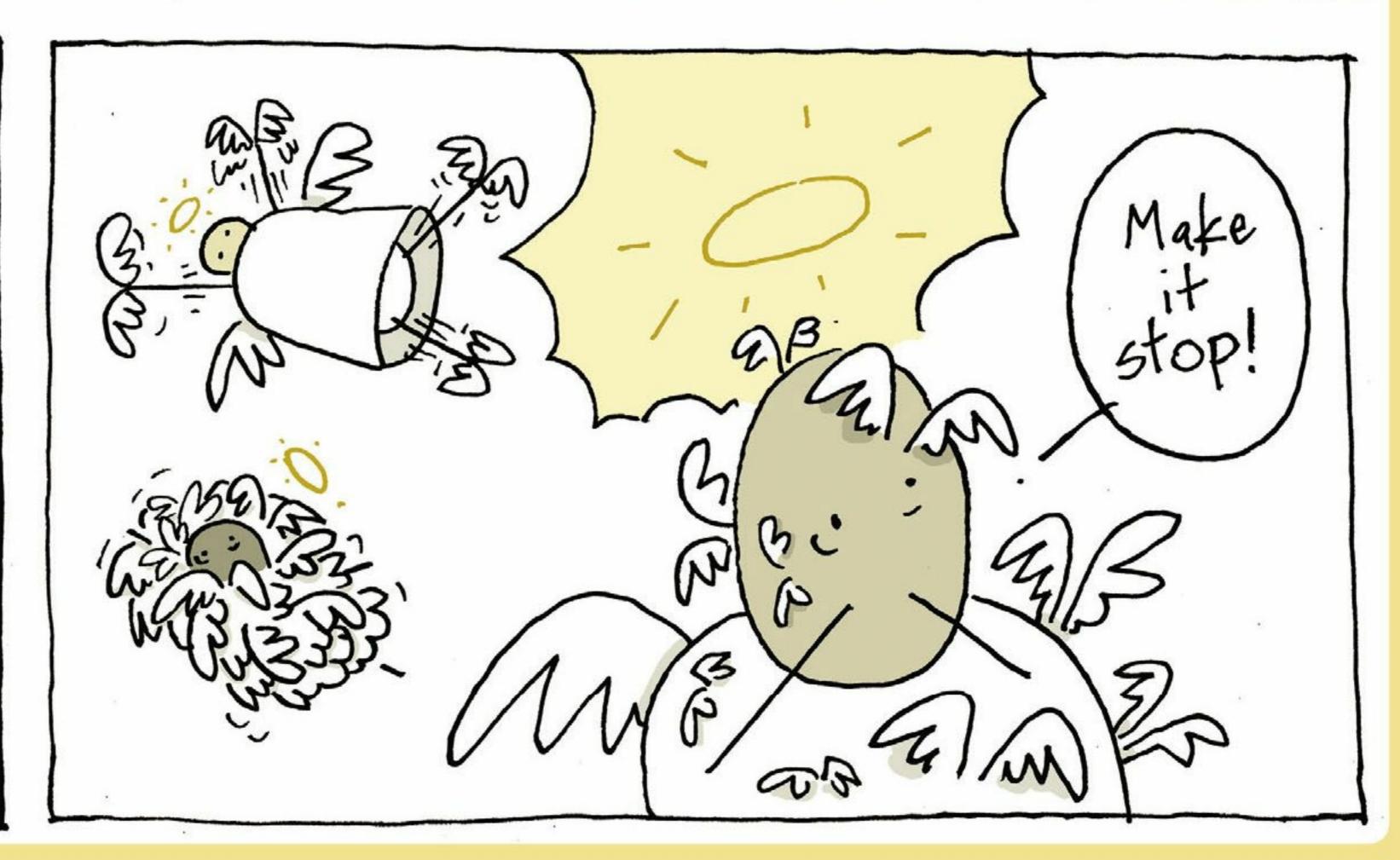




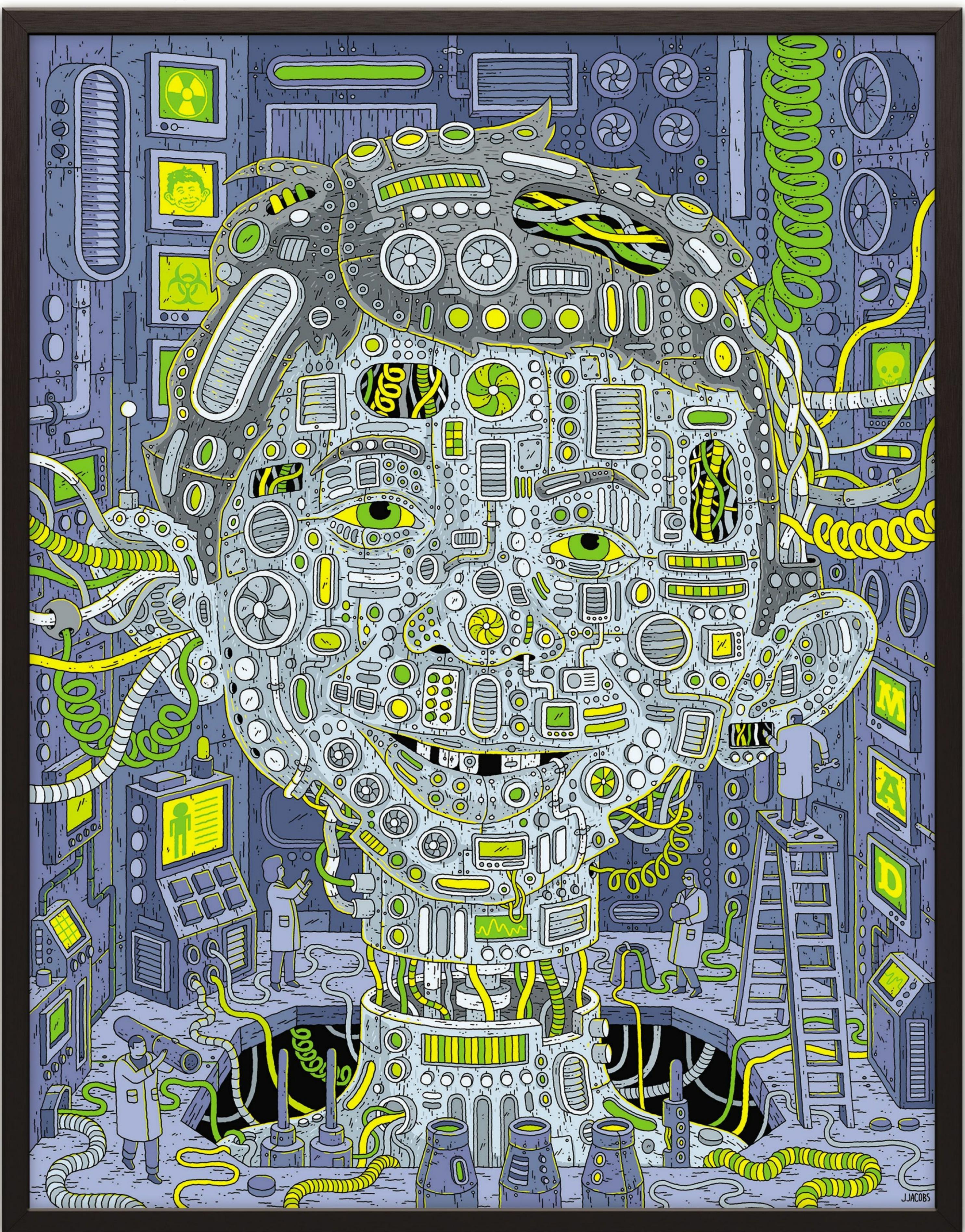








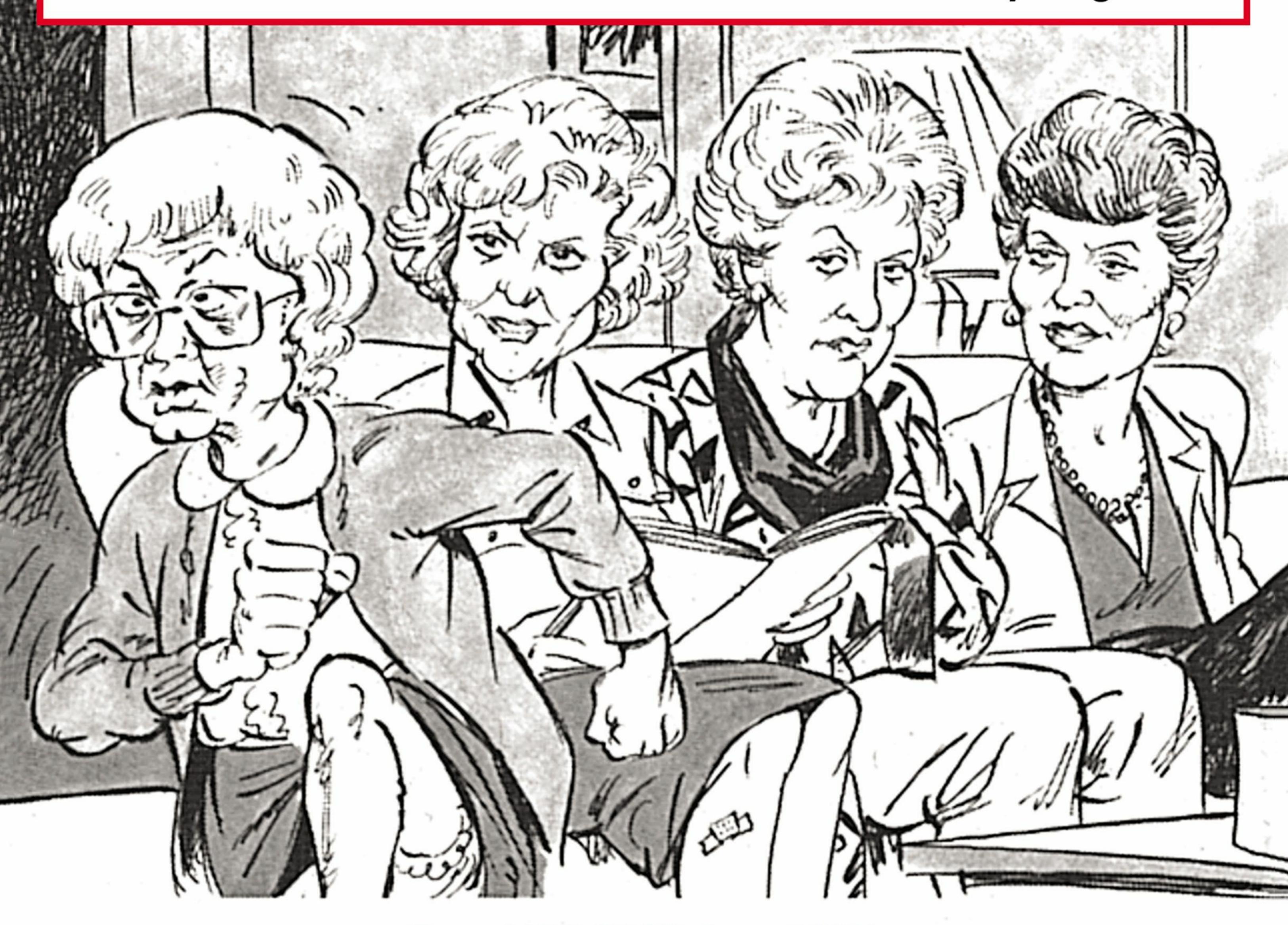
# The Gap-Toothed Gallery



# A MAD DIGITAL EXCLUSIVE!

In November, the great artist and MADman Angelo Torres was honored with the prestigious Milton Caniff Lifetime Achievement award, presented by the National Cartoonists Society. Here at MAD, we don't have anything that could even be remotely described as "prestigious"!

So, as a tribute, we decided to share "The Olden Girls," one of our all-time favorite TV satires drawn by Angelo!



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# IF YOU CAN READ THIS, YOU'RE READY FOR THE NEXT PAGE.



Hello! I'm William Gaines, publisher of MAD! I usually don't get involved in these TV parodies. I don't even read them! All I really care about is how many issues of MAD we sell! But since this is the first time we're satirizing a show whose cast is actually OLDER than me... and since this is the first series I can actually relate to, I thought that I should introduce it. Here's...

# ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITERS: ARNIE & JAY KOGEN

Hi! We're the Olden Girls! I'm Appathy! The sarcastic one! A trait left over from a previous sitcom! I'm the leader and moving force of this series! Although some critics say "All Bran" is the moving force of this series!

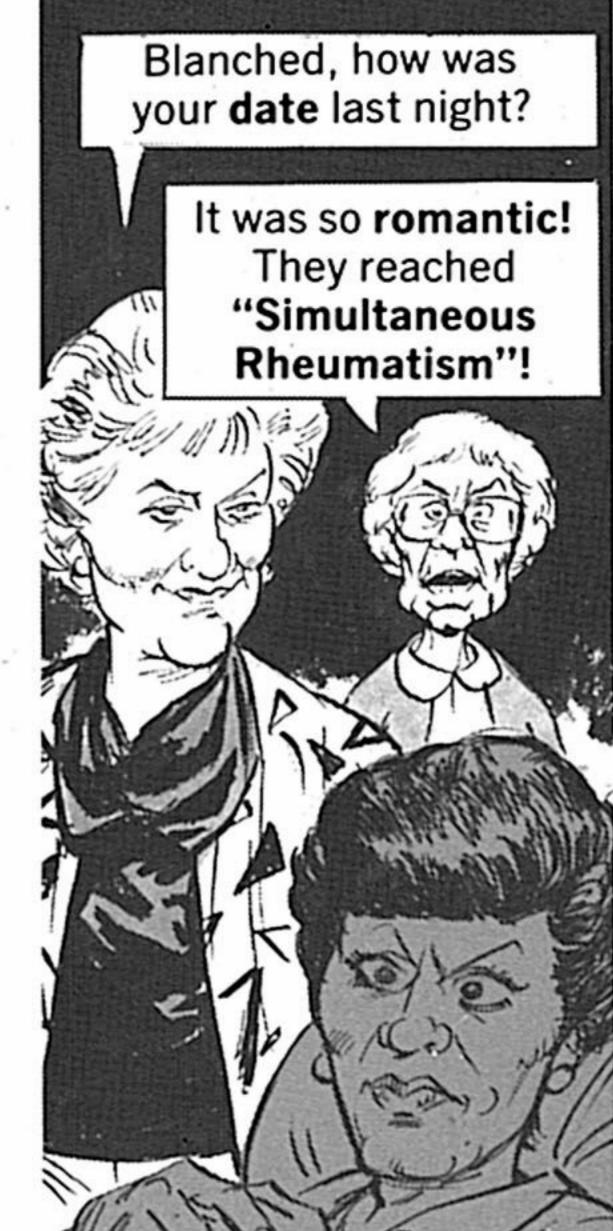
I'm Doze! The dippy one! On the TV "bewilderment" scale, I'm somewhere between Gracie Allen and Georgette Baxter! My occupation: grief counsellor! Whenever I counsel anyone on this series, they

I'm Blanched! The flirtatious one! I'm a gullible, sex-obsessed southern belle with an accent that went out with Tennessee Williams! Come to think of it, I went out with Tennessee Williams!

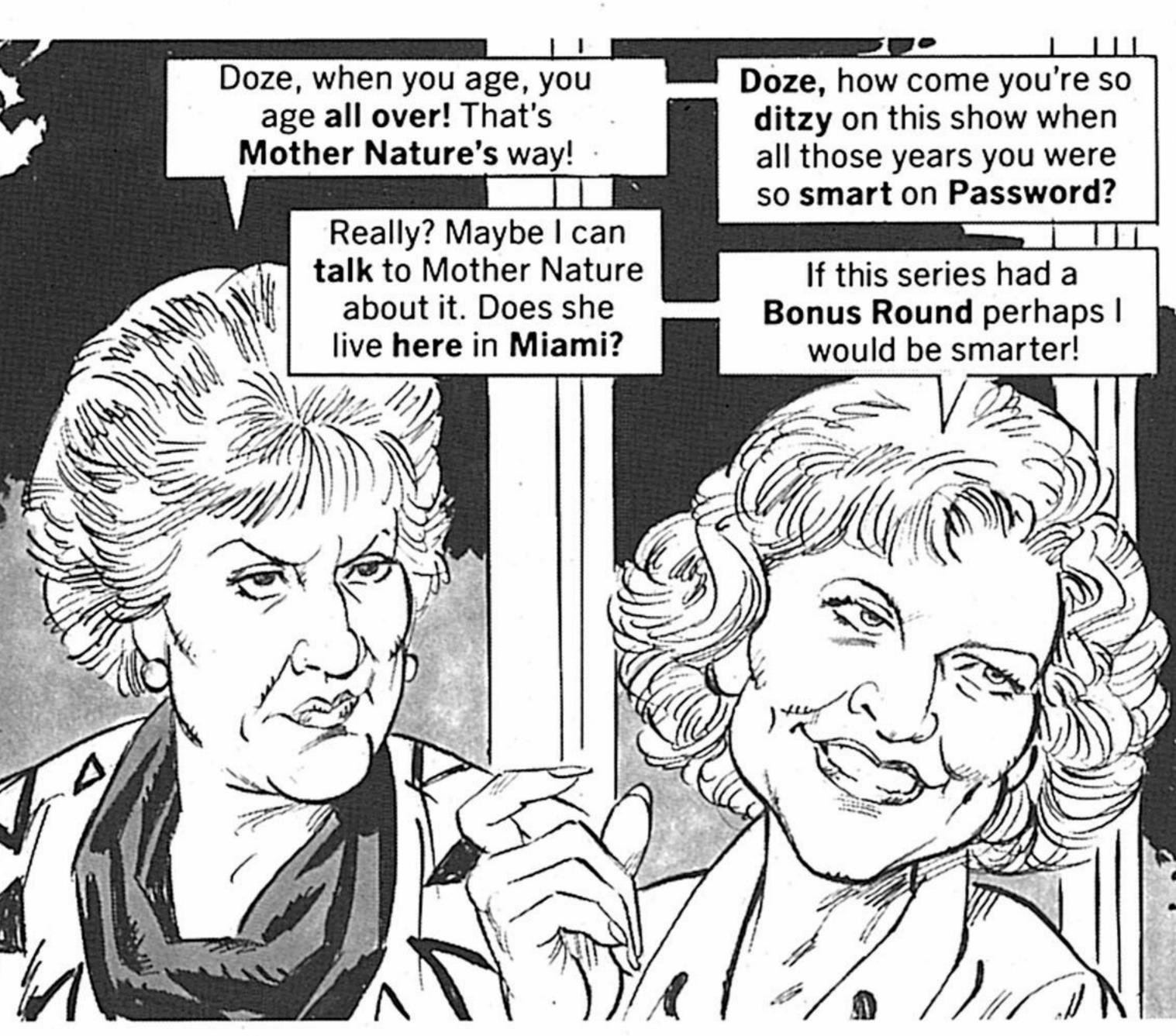
I'm Myopia! The foul mouthed one! I'm a unique TV creation! I look like Grandma Moses and I talk like Al Pacino in Scarface! Remember when all old ladies on TV were like that! I'm 80 years old. I can say things in prime time that would get



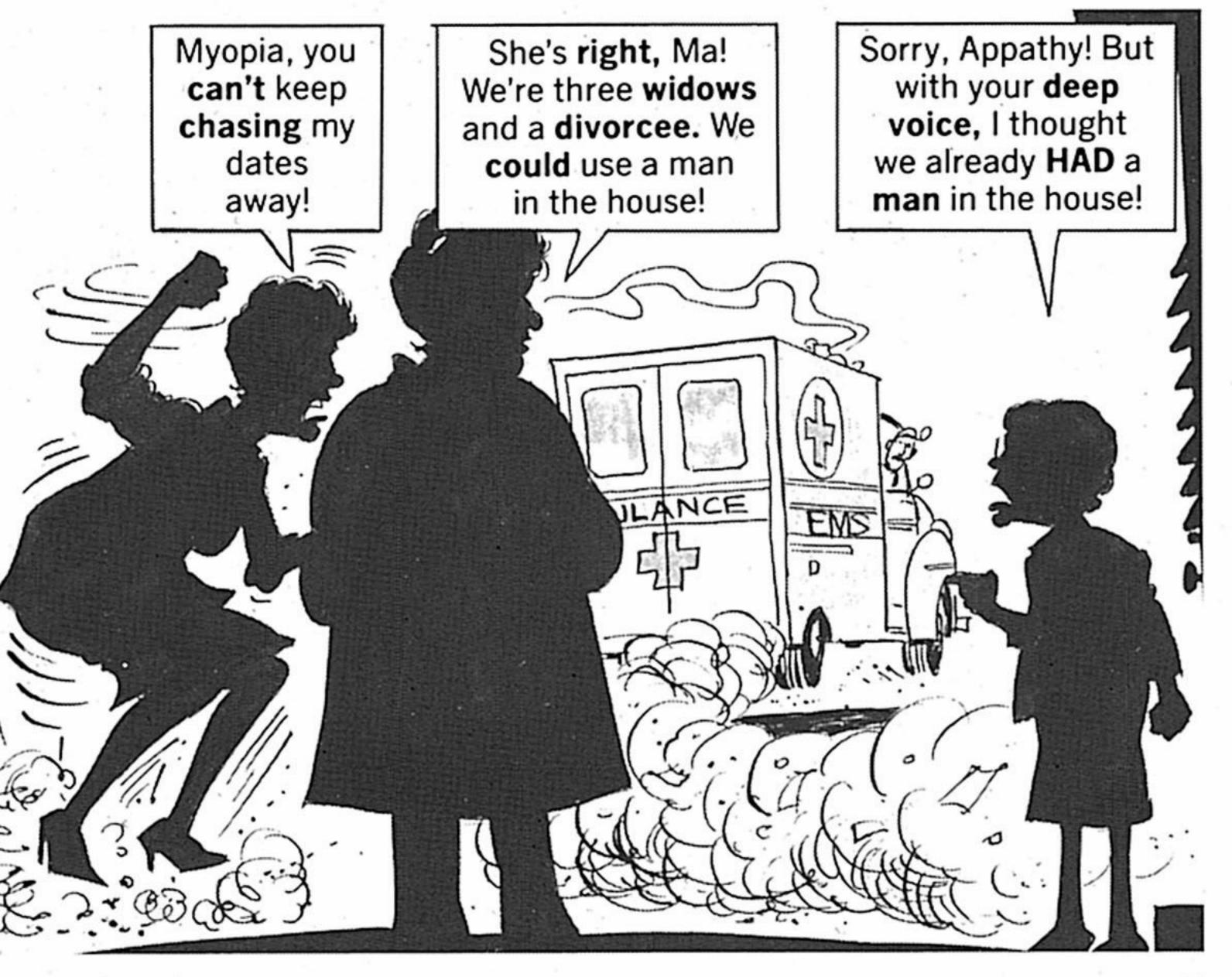
















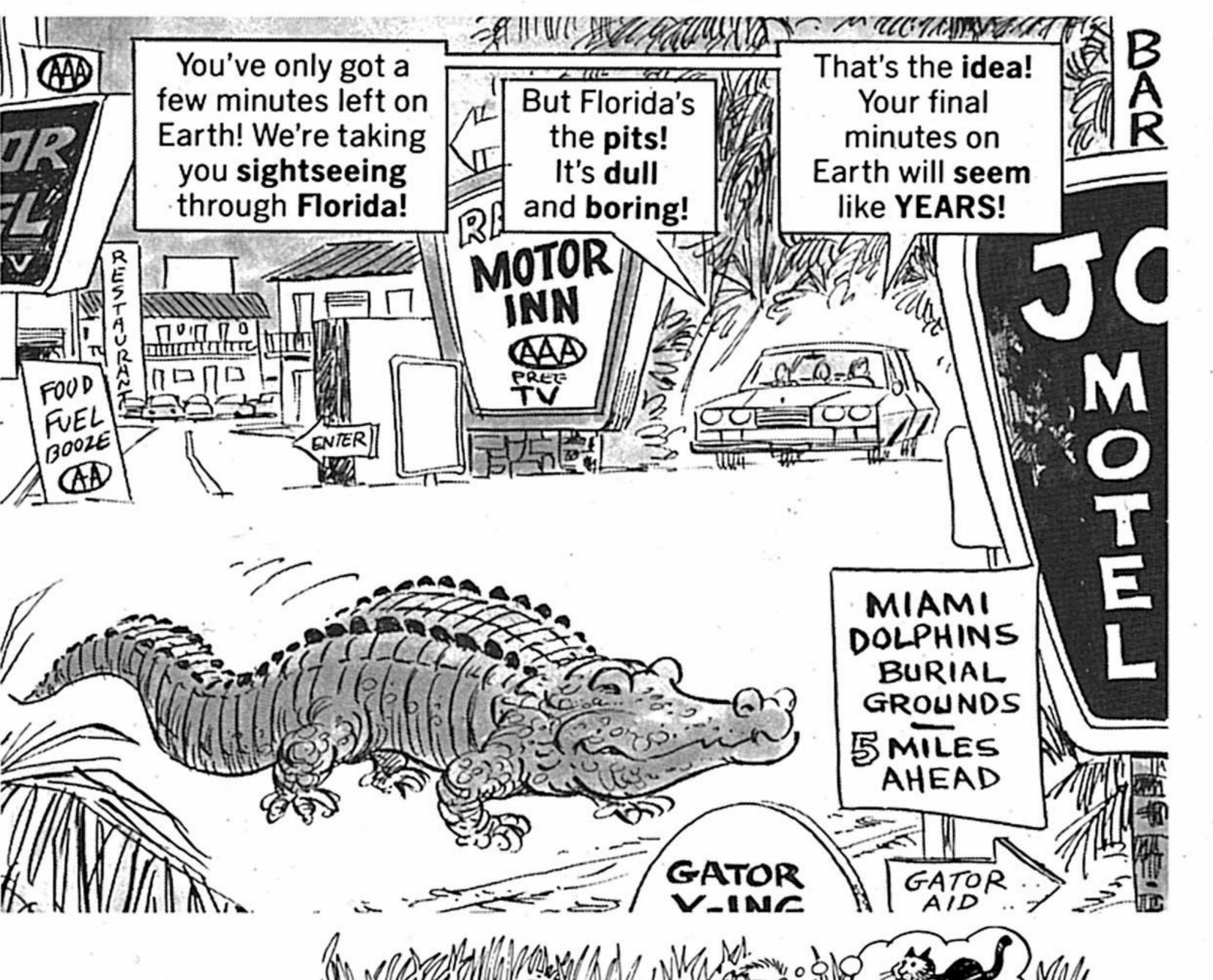


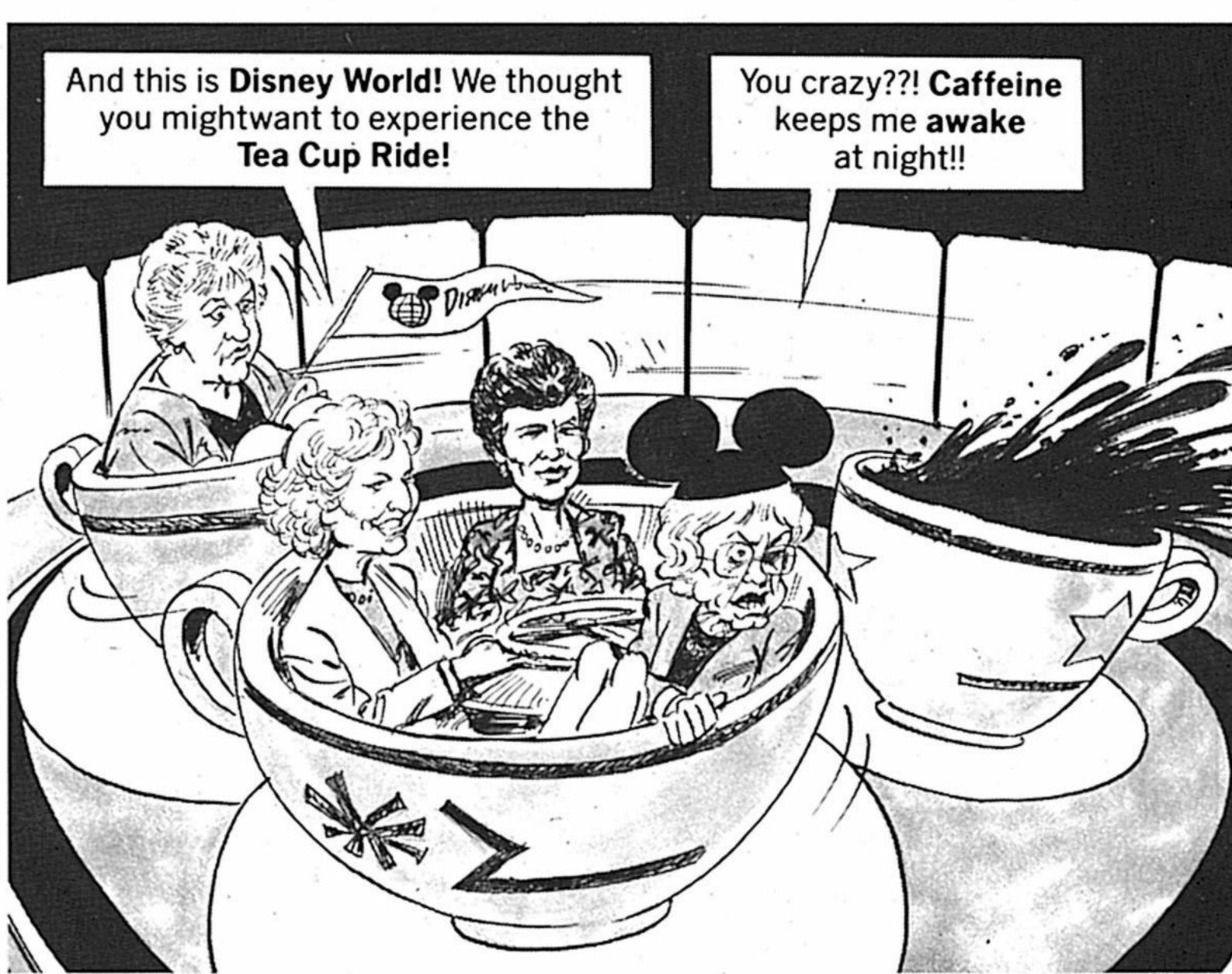
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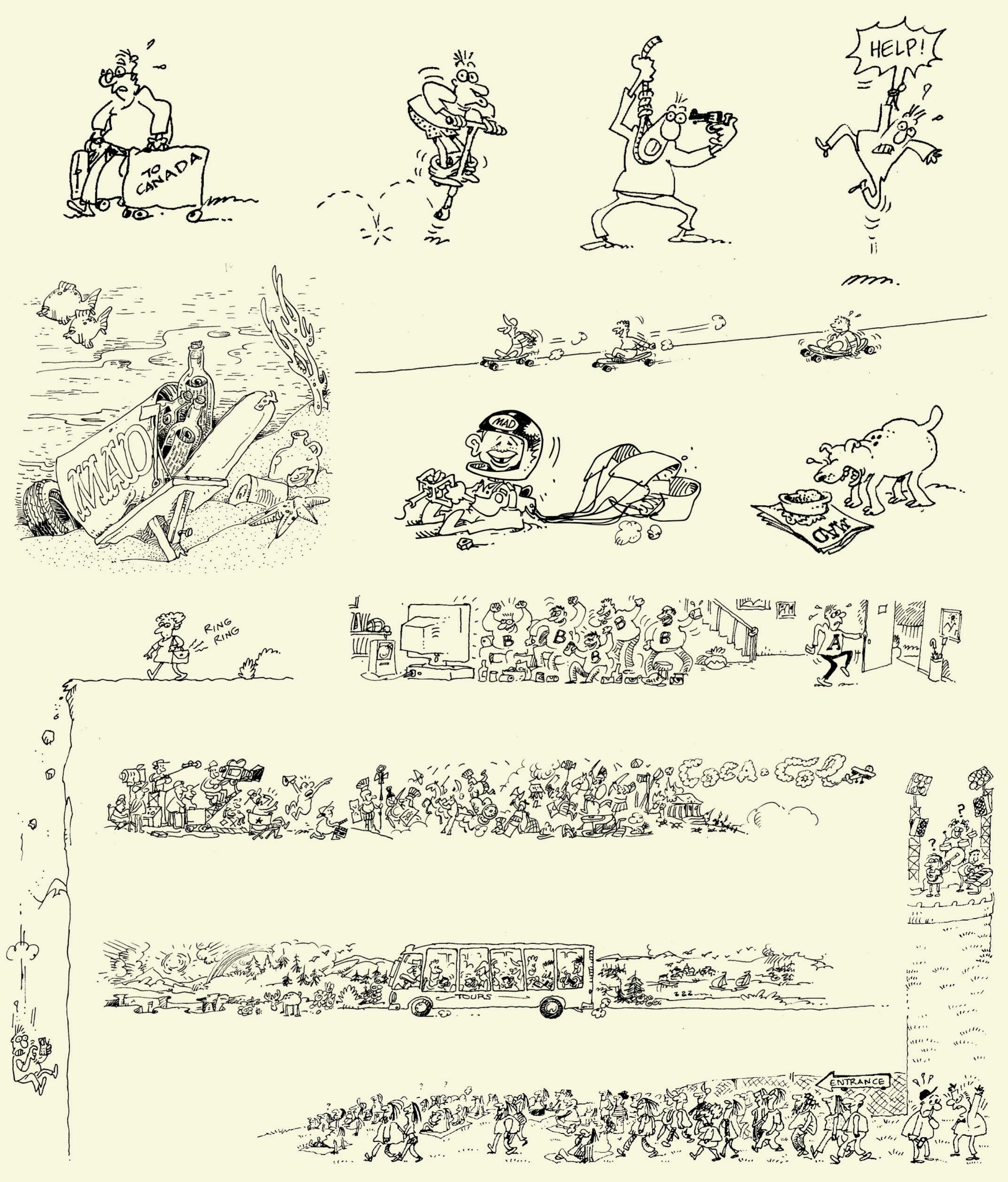








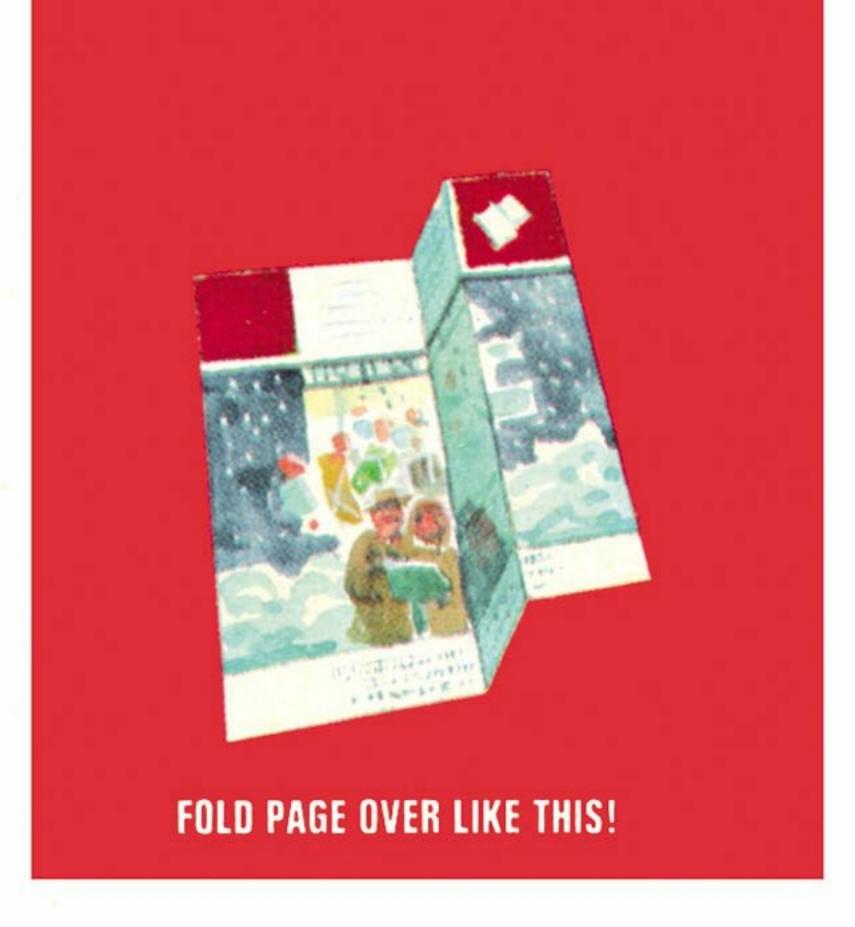
# DRAWN OUT DRAMAS



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# HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

The Holiday Season brings gay rounds of partying and good fellowship. And it also brings a special problem: that "Surprise Gift" many party revelers usually pick up on the drive home. To find out what this last-minute gift is, fold page in as shown.



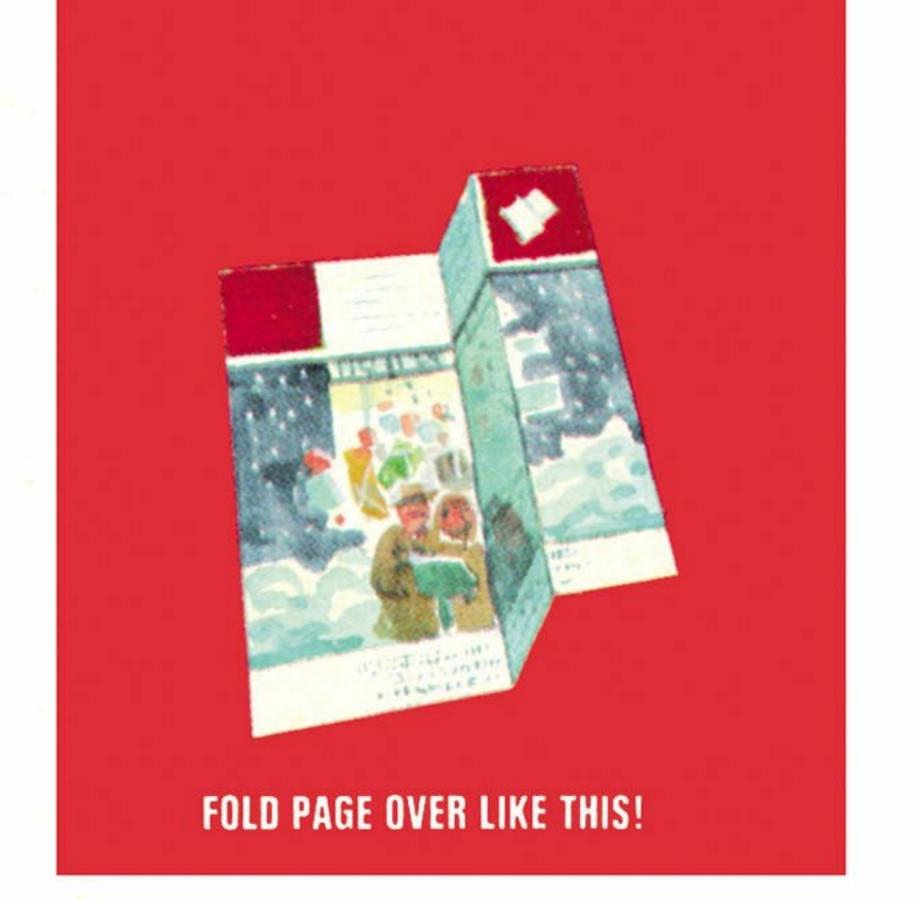
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